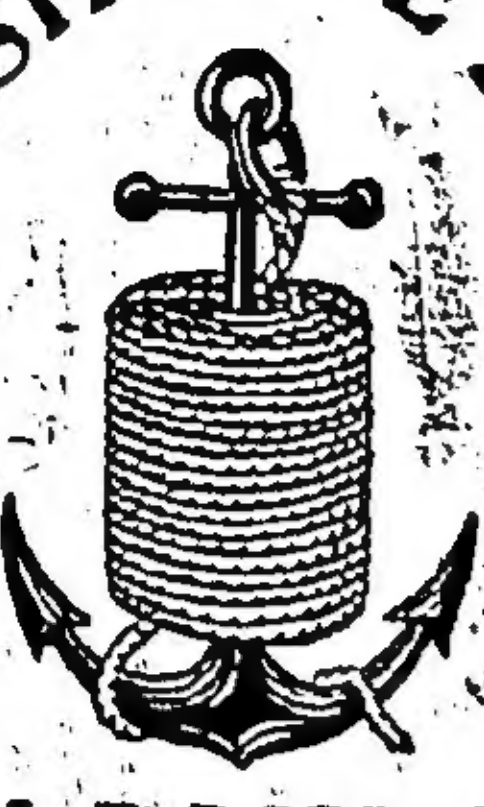


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CHURCH "NIGHT CLUB."

"CABARET" OPENS WITH A HYMN.

A "Sunday-night club," the idea of the Rev. G. D. Walker, pastor of the Wetherhampton Presbyterian Church, has been opened in that town. Mr. David Webster, the Chief Constable, attended, and delivered the opening address. At his suggestion the hymn, "All hail the power of Jesus' name," was sung before the cabaret performance began. Later the Chief Constable exhorted the youngsters to enjoy themselves "like ladies and gentlemen."

Remarkable success attended the new social venture, and the promoters will have on future Sunday evenings to engage, as they have undertaken to do, other halls to accommodate the large number of young people who wish to attend. The club was open from eight o'clock to ten. The pastor of the Presbyterian Church had been impressed by the spectacle of hundreds of young people with nothing better to do than parade in the centre of the town on Sunday nights. The intention of forming the club was announced last week during the hearing of summonses against thirty-six youths and girls who were charged with obstruction, fines of half a crown being imposed in the majority of the cases. Several of the defendants were among the 300 young people who crowded into the lecture hall adjoining the church. Quite as many failed to obtain admission. Their ages ranged mostly from fifteen to twenty, and boys predominated, although there were many girls.

Wireless Aerial From Steeple.

The programme included items by a ladies' band, songs, and humorous sketches. All the artists gave their services. A seven-valve wireless set had also been installed, the aerial being slung from the church steeple. Most of the young people sat at small tables, on which there were copies of magazines and popular weeklies of all kinds. In a corner was a buffet, where sandwiches could be bought for 2d, packets of biscuits for a half-penny, and tea, coffee, and other light refreshments at a small charge.

The Rev. G. D. Walker said he wanted young people to spend their Sunday nights as they would spend them in the best homes. "We are not going to talk to you about religion," he said. "That is not to say by any manner of means that we are going to forget it. I hope you will not misunderstand me. We are not going to preach, and this is the only occasion on which (Continued at foot of next column.)"

LOWER FEES FOR ARMY CADETS.

WOOLWICH AND SANDHURST CHANGES.

The War Office announces a reduction in the scale of fees payable on behalf of cadets (other than King's Cadets and King's India Cadets) at the Royal Military Academy and Royal Military College.

The normal fee for the son of a civilian will remain £100 a term for a course of three terms, and the normal fee for the son of an officer or man of the Regular Forces who is still serving, who died while serving, or who has retired or been discharged (subject to certain conditions) as to minimum service, etc., £80 a term. A limited number of the successful candidates at each Army entrance examination will, however, be admitted at the discretion of the Army Council at reduced fees to be determined according to pecuniary need. These reduced fees for sons of civilians will be £75, £50, or £25 a term, and for sons of officers and men of the Regular Forces as specified above £45, £30, or £15 a term. A reduction proportionate to the reduction in fees will be made in the charges for uniforms, books, etc., for sons of civilians; but for sons of officers and men of the Regular Forces these charges will be on the same scale as for sons of civilians of corresponding pecuniary need.

King's Cadets will continue to be admitted to both Woolwich and Sandhurst, and King's India Cadets to Sandhurst under the conditions at present in force, i.e., King's Cadets will be admitted free and King's India Cadets as may be arranged by the Secretary of State for India in Council.

The emoluments attached to prize cadetships have also been revised. A number, not exceeding twenty-five, of these cadetships will be awarded at each entrance examination, and will be of the value of £25 a year each. They will continue to be awarded in order of merit in the Army entrance examination, and will be tenable irrespective of the pecuniary need of the candidate.

The charge for uniforms, books, etc., will not be remitted in the case of the winners of prize cadetships as it has hitherto been.

These revised terms will be applicable in the case of all cadets who compete in the November, 1927, and subsequent Army entrance examinations.

there will be any speechifying. We hope you will go back better men than you were because you have been here."

THE BALKANS FERMENT. BRITAIN'S ATTITUDE.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

LONDON, March 24th.

Replying to questions in the House of Commons, Sir Austen Chamberlain said that the desire of His Majesty's Government being to remove so far as they could any causes of friction which might exist between the Jugo-Slav and Italian Governments on the subject of Albania, had counselled moderation and conciliation both to Belgrade and Rome and to the representatives of both Governments in London.

THE ACTION AGAINST EX-LT.-COM. MAYERS.

AGAIN UP AT BOW STREET.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, March 24th.

Ex-Lieut.-Comdr. Colin Mayers, who is charged under the Official Secrets Act was brought up at Bow Street to-day and remanded until April 4th, bail being refused.

Mr. Eustace Fulton, opening the case for the prosecution, said the defendant had allegedly infringed the Official Secrets Act by retaining in his possession a number of plans relating to submarines X1 and O1 entrusted to him by his chief officer, the Commandant of H.M.S. Dolphin. Defendant was instructed Officer and Senior Submarine Officer at Gosport. He had been Commander of Submarine M2. He retired on January 26th and entered employment with Vickers, of Barrow-in-Furness. Subsequently, a number of plans issued to him were found to be missing.

SIR AUSTEN CHAMBERLAIN HONOURED.

A TRIBUTE BY THE PREMIER.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, March 24th.

A portrait of Sir Austen Chamberlain, Foreign Secretary, painted by Mr. Isaac Cohen, for the Cordwainers' Company, with which Sir Austen Chamberlain's family has been associated for practically two centuries, was to-day presented by the Premier in the Cordwainers' Hall.

Mr. Baldwin paid a tribute to the work of Sir Austen Chamberlain, as Foreign Secretary. He said that Sir Austen Chamberlain had been privileged to do the greatest work for this country and, as Foreign Minister, he would be remembered for many generations to come. Mr. Baldwin concluded by testifying to the great work of Sir Austen Chamberlain.

RESULT OF LEITH BYE-ELECTION.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, March 24th.

The bye-election at Leith to replace Captain Wedgwood Benn who resigned on joining the Labour Party, resulted as follows:—
Mr. Ernest Brown (Lib.) 12,461
Mr. Wilson (Labour) 12,350
Mr. Euston (Con.) 4,607
The Liberals thus retain the seat by the narrow margin of 111 over Labour. The figures at the previous election were: Liberal, 16,569; Labour, 11,250.

PORT RIVALRY. FEARS FOR ROTTERDAM.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

THE HAGUE, March 24th.

The First Chamber by 30 votes to 17 has rejected the Belgo-Dutch Treaty, already ratified by both Chambers of the Belgian Parliament and the Dutch Second Chamber.

The Treaty, *inter alia*, gave the port of Antwerp certain advantages on the Scheldt which had aroused keen opposition in Holland, where it was feared that the trade of Rotterdam might be adversely affected. A semi-official statement deploring the Dutch decision, which will make impossible the development and collaboration of Holland and Belgium in international affairs. It says that Belgium will insist on satisfaction for its legitimate claims.

MAJOR SEAGRAVE IN AMERICA.

"A PRELIMINARY WARNING UP."

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

NEW YORK, March 24th.

Failing to find a track in England deemed suitable for speeding at 200 miles per hour, Major Seagrave has brought his 1,000 horse-power Sunbeam car. He will attempt to attain his aim on the Ocean Speedway course. In a preliminary warning-up he established a new American record of 163½ miles per hour.

A "TONG" WAR IN NEW YORK.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

NEW YORK, March 24th.

Deadly warfare between the Chinese "Tongs" flared up to-day at the expiration of a two years' truce between the Hip Sing or On Leon Tong. Five Chinese are reported to have been killed and three wounded.

FORTUNES NOT EASILY MADE.

CREDULOUS WOMAN'S
COSTLY EXPERIENCE.

"CONFIDEE MAN" PUNISHED LAST.

"Hi, hush, don't let anyone hear us, but do you get a bundle of notes," said a Chinese to an elderly woman. This elderly dame gasping the opportunity on lifetime was not slow to say "I."

Playing on the credulity of the plausible scamp said that as matter of good faith, the lady would have to deposit something before he would allow her to take the notes to a money-changer and he produced a wad of paper covered by a brand new \$5 note. Following up the ground, he told her so far gained, the man said: "Well, here is a bundle of notes, and don't ask me where I got them from, but I will go fifty-fifty with you if you would change it for me. He is a fortune for you, and all you have to do is to deposit something with me. You know very well that we are strangers, and it is very good of me to trust you."

After a moment's deliberation, the woman asked the man what he would like to have in the way of security. The man grinned and pointed to the pair of gold bangles which the woman was wearing. The credulous dame at once took them off and handed them to her unknown friend. Weighing them in his hand, the man said that was not enough and the woman took out \$135 from her pocket, which was readily received.

A rendezvous was arranged and the woman took the wad to the nearest money-changer. On arrival there, she opened it, and her castle in the air, fell in ruins for under the genuine \$5 note there was nothing but scrap paper.

Rushing back to the place where the man was supposed to be waiting for her, she found no one. She went home poorer in pocket but richer in experience. All this happened on March 23rd, and during all these days, the old dame was working her fingers out to replenish her coffer, until Thursday afternoon when she ran across the man in Yaumati and where he presumably was on the look out for another victim.

It is needless to say that the old dame at once collared the "confidence man" and raised the alarm. The police came on the scene, and the man was marched to the Police Station, where he was searched and a similar bundle was found on him. The man was brought before Mr. W. Schofield at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday, where he got three months hard labour and the woman got the \$5 which was wrapped on the bundle of waste paper.

POLICE AND THE UNDER- DOG.

HOME SECRETARY AND A
GALSWORTHY PLAY.

When "Escape," Mr. John Galsworthy's play at the Ambassadors Theatre, celebrated its 22nd performance every member of the audience received a book of the words of the play, with a foreword written by Sir William Joynson-Hicks, the Home Secretary.

The play deals with the strife between a man's respect for the order of institutions of society and his sporting instincts to help the "under-dog," in this case a criminal with whom the sympathy of the audience is skillfully enlisted.

The Home Secretary says: "In real life it is inability to play the game that usually makes the criminal. On the stage it is almost the rule to make the criminal likeable and the agents of the law unattractive, though possibly worthy, people."

Of the stage the converse is truer, and a Home Secretary who has to spend most of his time in the unromantic study of facts finds the "sporting" qualities of gallantry, fairness, and devotion to duty more frequently among police and prison officers than among prisoners.

In this case the fugitive is caught, not by the law's rough agents but by the inner law of his own being. "It's one's decent self one can't escape." It is right that the man should go back to prison and, when after evading his pursuers so long and so gallantly, he gives himself up rather than force dishonour on the Padre we feel that he has not lost the game. His failure is his highest success.

BRITISH EMPIRE AS A TRADE UNIT.

THE BEST BUSINESS
PROPOSITION.

"WE COULD DICTATE
CONDITIONS."

[SIR ALFRED MOND.]

"The British Empire as an economic unit, is the best business proposition the world has ever had put before it."

This was the gist of an appeal made by Sir Alfred Mond at the Leeds Balfour Club for a consolidation and development of the Empire.

For the consummation of that idea and ideal he looked, not so much to politicians as to business men, and said that were it accomplished the British Empire would dictate its own conditions in the markets of the world. So far from America dominating the world of finance, even the great power and wealth of that country would be comparatively insignificant.

Three Groups.

In a rapid review of world tendencies, Sir Alfred said he saw the emergence of three great groups. One was the United States of America; a second was the countries of Europe; and the third, standing between the two, Great Britain. Tempting offers would be made to Britain to join the European federation, he said, and approaches would possibly be made from America.

He urged that neither should be entertained, but that the Empire should be knit together in a third group that, with free trade within its units and tariff walls around it, would dwarf any possible alternative combination.

He sketched the illimitable potentialities of wealth within the Empire, and said it must integrate or disintegrate. He hoped to see the day when British statesmen would put before the country this great vision of a united Empire. Too readily had it been accepted during their early days that the Empire was a bribe in the form of relief or pensions measures.

Moscow or ourselves?

Sir Alfred prefaced his plea for Empire unity with an attack on those who, owing allegiance to Moscow, were concentrating all their energies on destroying the National politics, he said, could be summarised in the question, "Are you going to be governed by Moscow or yourselves?"

There was not a labour dispute in the country that was not subject to irritation, exacerbation, and prolongation by the enemies of the Empire, who worked unceasingly, and surreptitiously to their ends. If the people of this country fully understood the alternative to Conservative Government they would enter every election, Parliamentary and municipal, as a holy crusade.

Sir Alfred, who is the guest in Leeds of Ald. Charles Lupton, was accompanied by his son, Mr. H. Mond. Mr. C. E. Warren presided over one of the largest audiences that has attended a meeting of the club since its inauguration.

HOME TRUTHS FOR BUSINESS MEN.

BISHOP ON THEIR
STUPIDITIES.

The Bishop of Birmingham (Dr. E. W. Barnes) made some severe strictures on the average business education in a speech at the Birmingham Business Club.

He said that no great doctor or scholar expected his boy to follow in his footsteps professionally. The curious thing about the business man, particularly the business man who had built up his business for himself, was that he expected his boy to follow in his own footsteps and inherit his business qualities.

The thing was absurd.

"We owe a lot to business men. But, as a cynic had said to a certain inquirer, we also owed to business men most of the evils that afflict us."

"If you think of the evils of this city," said the Bishop, "of the way it has been built, the haphazard way it has been built up, its ugliness—it does not come from the school-masters, or the clergy. It comes from the business men. The trouble with the industrial revolution was that it was carried through without imagination. I believe that we can make good if we take our boys, wherever trained, and give them a good secondary and university education. The secondary and university education is designed to make people think, and that is the best education you can have."

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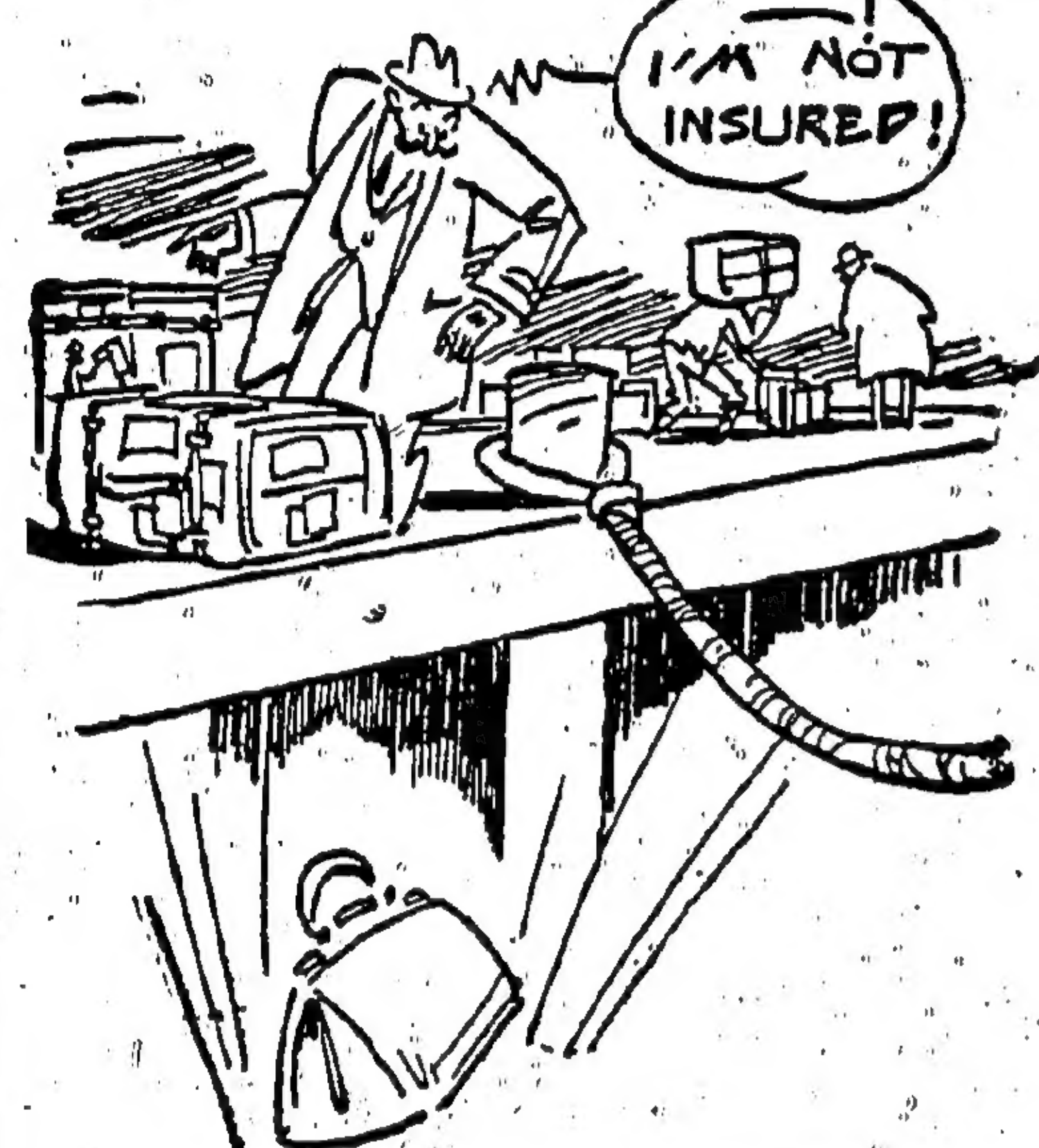
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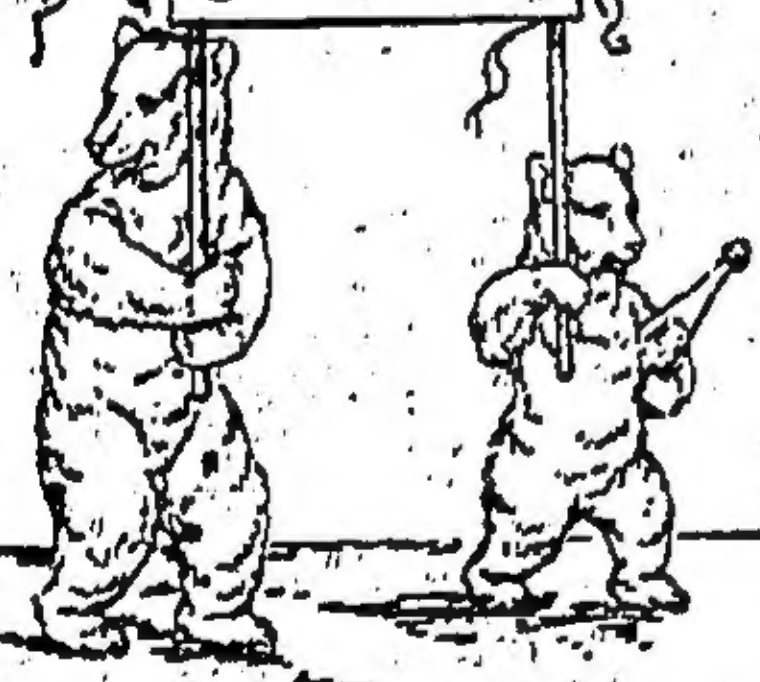
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LARGE GATHERING AT ANNUAL PRIZE DISTRIBUTION.

TRIBUTES PAID TO FORMER SCHOOLMISTRESSES.

A SATISFACTORY YEAR'S WORK.

Yesterday at the annual prize distribution of the Diocesan Girls' School, Kowloon, two photographs of former mistresses of the school were unveiled by Mrs. M. K. Lo. The photographs were those of Miss Ferguson and Miss Dulmage, and before the unveiling, the Rev. Copley Moyle paid a warm tribute to the good work done by these two ladies. Miss Ferguson was the former headmistress of the school, who died in 1925. Miss Dulmage was lent to the school by the Canadian Presbyterian Mission in the place of Miss Ferguson. She died on September of the same year. As a mark of respect to the memory of these two ladies, one minute silence was observed.

The prize distribution took place before a large gathering of friends, relatives and parents of the pupils in the school. Among those present were Mr. W. W. Hornell, C.I.E., M.A. (Vice-Chancellor of the Hong Kong University), Rev. H. Copley Moyle, Rev. T. R. Lindsay, Mr. A. E. Wood (Director of Education) and Mr. and Mrs. M. K. Lo. Prior to the reading of the annual reports of the school by the headmistress, Miss Sawyer, the Rev. Copley Moyle spoke of the good qualities of Miss Ferguson, the former headmistress, who died in 1925 and of Miss Dulmage, the former acting headmistress, lent to the school by the Canadian Presbyterian Mission. Miss Dulmage passed away in the same year. The photographs of these two ladies were then unveiled by Mrs. M. K. Lo, one of the past pupils of the school.

The prizes were distributed by Mr. Hornell, after the reports had been read. The Rev. Lindsay presented the financial statement, which showed that the school is in a sound position.

THE VICE-CHANCELLOR'S SPEECH.

Addressing the large assembly of pupils, staff, parents and the Vice-Chancellor of the Hong Kong University (Mr. W. W. Hornell, C.I.E., M.A.) said:

Most men and women are always willing to talk about education even if only to abuse it, but I have noticed that those whose lives are spent in a vain attempt to find a practical solution for its insoluble problems are, as a rule, the most reticent. Part of the price which has to be paid for the importance which education has assumed in common thought is that we are living in an era of over-emphasized half truths on the subject. All these tend to produce corresponding reactions. It is hard to strike a balance between the enthusiasm of inexperience and the disillusion of experience; and everywhere and always there is the constant danger of becoming absorbed in the machinery of education for its own sake and forgetting that all machinery is but a means, and that what matters is the quality and value of the product.

Theoretical Impossibilities That "Work Out."

It is sometimes said that every nation, as every individual, gets eventually what it wants provided that it knows what it wants and that it wants it enough. Certainly in education if the demand is vague and feeble the supply will be correspondingly tentative and uncertain. All the world over we seem to be faced with the paradox, that a satisfactory system of national education can only be created in an educated nation, and an educated nation can only be created through a satisfactory system of national education. The world is full of such theoretical impossibilities but the world moves on slowly all the same. This at least may be said of this Colony and the University are becoming more and more intimately connected with the whole framework of the Colony's social and civic life. Actually education follows, slowly and at a long distance, a movement in the idea of what education might or ought to be. Think of this when next you hear a so-called practical man disposing of an enthusiast by the old, old retort that the enthusiast's ideas are impracticable. As if any great vital movement of the heart or mind could ever be transmuted by the limitations of the immediately practical. "The wind bloweth whither it listeth."

Following this, the pupils of the school entertained the audience with songs and piano solos. The Rev. Copley Moyle during an interval expressed the regret at the coming departure of the Rev. and Mrs. Lindsay. He said that when Mr. Lindsay goes the school will lose one of its most able workers and advisers.

At the conclusion, the Rev. Lindsay endorsed all what Miss Sawyer had said about the able and loyal manner in which Miss Walter had temporarily carried out the work of the school under great stress and difficulty until the return of Miss Sawyer.

The Headmistress report is as follows:— It is with much diffidence that I present this, the 27th, report on the work of our school. We began the year with 193 on the roll and closed with 211, and to-day we have 233 of whom 40 are boarders. It was in March last year that I said the passing of Miss Ferguson in the year 1925 would leave its mark on the D.G.S. and now I feel that 1926 has been equally vital in the school's history. Miss Dulmage of the Canadian Presbyterian Mission, who had been lent to us by the school board, was appointed as Headmistress while I was on furlough. As most of you know, she was called to her rest after severe suffering, on September 29th, and Miss Walters very loyally and ably carried on under great stress and difficulty until my return last month. In spite of much sickness and many changes on the staff the work of the school has maintained a high standard and we have received a very satisfactory report from the Education Office after the Annual Inspection. Mr. de Marigny, at the end of November and again at the end of December, and her reports and suggestions have been most helpful. The University examination results were satisfactory. One Matriculation candidate was entered and passed with 3 distinctions; 9 Seniors, 3 of whom passed (5 distinctions in all); 10 Juniors (5 distinctions in all); and 8 passed (3 distinctions in all).

This time last year we were all feeling very pleased at the thought of a new playground which had just been granted to us by the Government. To-day we are enjoying that playground to the full and during the year it has been enclosed by the very substantial wall. We have now our own hockey ground, a second tennis court, and a very useful vegetable garden. In December both present and past pupils organised a sale of work by which we raised an amount of \$151. We were given to charity—\$100 to our school magazine fund, \$50 to the school library, \$600 to the Committee towards the new grounds and I have in hand \$358. This latter I am adding to what I have already in the savings bank for Sports and I am hoping to have a covered drill shed erected which will also be a playground in wet weather and the heat. I must here thank all those who helped to bring about such successful results. I want to refer to last year's report and I will quote words I used: "It is one of my hopes for the near future that we shall have an Old Girls' Association, to be a bond between past and present pupils." Those words were spoken on March 13th and before the end of the month two preliminary meetings of Old Girls were held and on April 14th the inaugural meeting took place, when the constitution was adopted and officers elected. The Association has come into being and is known as The Diocesan Old Girls' Association, or more familiarly, the D.O.G.A. Already this association is making itself felt in the present school and I for one am proud to belong to it and hope next month to be made a life-member. I know I can always rely on the D.O.G.A. to support the school, not only materially but also by their sympathy and loyalty, and it is up to the present girls to be equally loyal to receive information about the D.O.G.A. she may apply to the Hon. Secretary, Miss Racker, Jordan House, Nathan Road.

The Girl Guides competed for the Prince of Wales' banner on May 8th and were successful in carrying it off. Last month it was again competed for this time our company lost to the Central British School Company. After a lapse of several years the school again sent in candidates for the Royal Drawing Society's examinations. Out of 115 entries we gained 83 Honours and 24 passes. These 107 certificates have already been awarded and this accounts for the fact that we are giving no drawing prizes this year. Games are now popular and play an important part in school life. Since November we have played 8 Hockey Matches besides the Tennis Cup Matches and the Captain Ball Matches. Of the 8 Hockey Matches 5 have been taken outside teams and 3 in the school. As soon as we have a drill shed I hope to introduce organized physical exercises into the curriculum—at present we have a little but not much.

Before closing I should like to welcome the new members of the staff—Mr. Baldwin joined us in September, Miss Clarke in November and Mrs. Wilson in January. Miss Dewing is taking up the work of Miss McGill who has gone on furlough. (Continued on next column).

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SEVERAL ARRESTS.

One of the reasons why we in the Colony have been paying an exorbitant price for pork was revealed when the head man and other members of an association of alleged blackmailers were arrested by the Police a few days ago. Officials of the Criminal Investigation Department have during the week arrested a number of alleged blackmailers belonging to a gang of men who have formed themselves into an Association for the levying of a tax on importers of pigs. The most surprising part is that dealers in this commodity have allowed themselves to be intimidated into paying three cents for each pig imported. Recently some of the victims thought of doing the tax payers wrong, but the Association found out the trick and as a punishment increased the levy to \$3 per pig. Their patience at length exhausted, the dealers brought the whole matter to the notice of the Police, and hence the arrests.

8TH DESTROYER-FLORILLA ARRIVES.

A FEW HOURS AHEAD OF TIME.

The 8th Destroyer Florilla, detached from the Atlantic Fleet, to which reference was made yesterday, has arrived in port. They came in during Thursday evening, a few hours ahead of the expected time.

The Florilla Leader, H.M.S. Bruce is one of five similar vessels built by Messrs. Cammell-Lairds in 1918-19, and is 339ft. length, 31ft. beam, 12ft. draught, and 1,800 tons displacement. Twin screw driven by engines developing 40,000 h.p. she can reach a speed of 36 knots. Her armament consists of five 4.7 in., one 3 in. anti-aircraft gun, and six torpedo tubes. The crew numbers 139. All the other vessels of the Florilla were built between 1918 and 1922, the Thracian being the latest. They are 276ft. in length, 30ft. in breadth, and 10ft. draught, with a displacement of 1,075 tons. Their engines develop 27,000 h.p., giving a maximum speed of 32 knots. Three 4 in., one two-pounder, one machine gun, four Lewis guns, and two deck torpedoes tubes comprise their armament. Each vessel carries a complement of about 100 men.

Miss Couche is filling Miss Patterson's place, to whom we were sorry to say Good-bye last month. Mrs. Woodward though not a regular member of the staff has helped us generously.

This year we are not giving our usual entertainment at the Prize-giving. I am not going to apologize for this because I know that parents and friends realise that in spite of much sickness on the staff we have endeavoured to keep up the standard of work. There will be a short musical programme after the distribution of prizes.

I want to close on a note of gratitude, first of all to the parents who have responded to my appeal for co-operation—I feel there is a distinct improvement here—to the many friends and firms who have generously helped the school, to the staff, who have carried on so ably and loyally through very difficult months, to Mr. and Mrs. Lindsay who ever since their arrival in the Colony have been in very close touch with the school, and of whose unfailing kindness I cannot adequately speak. We shall miss them very much when they leave us and for our own sakes we feel sad at the thought of their departure, and we thank them most sincerely for all they have done and are doing. Thank you all very much for coming here to-day.

THOUGHT FORCES.

ADDRESS TO THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY.

At this week's public meeting of the Theosophical Society on Thursday, Mr. J. Russell gave an address on "Thought-Forces," in the course of which he said: "There exist always around us in the thought atmosphere a certain amount of crude, thought-forces, laden with error, worry, selfishness and evil. In order to overcome their influence which tend to darken our outlook, we must use the powers of truthful thought, of a nobler and more loving mind, and thus shall we overcome all thought-forces founded on error. We need that all who accept the truth that thought power or force can be set to good ends, will practise it daily at pre-arranged times thus mutually increasing each others vibrations of unselfish love and truth and practical brotherhood which alone will result in increased strength, and a happy and peaceful life."

We all, who have found that every good thought going out from us is a potential force for good, and ultimately will return to us with greatly increased powers, should daily use it to increase thus the happiness and well-being of all, and we need each others daily co-operation. Thought-cooperation for increasing love, truth and goodwill will help us to overcome the evil in ourselves and in others.

SMALL-POX IN THE EAST.

In view of the prevalence of small-pox, though only to a very minor extent, in this Colony, it is interesting to note the number of cases reported in other Eastern ports, a complete record of which appears under the following headings: "Health Bulletin of Eastern ports:—From Aden (13) to Kobe (11) cases are reported, the heaviest return being from Calcutta (278), Bombay (85) Madras (29), Rangoon (29), Bangkok (12). Eleven cases are reported from nine ports, so that the situation at present is by no means alarming.

The health bulletin of Eastern ports for the week ending March 19th, states:—

Plague.

1 case at Port Said.
2 cases at Bombay.
3 cases at Rangoon.
8 cases at Colombo.
1 case at Sourabaya.
2 cases at Saigon.

Cholera.

52 cases at Calcutta.
1 case at Madras.
3 cases at Rangoon.
1 case at Negapatnam.
22 cases at Bangkok.

Small-pox.

13 cases at Aden.
65 cases at Bombay.
278 cases at Calcutta.
20 cases at Madras.
2 cases at Negapatnam.
29 cases at Rangoon.
1 case at Vizagapatnam.
1 case at Singapore.
1 case at Padang.
12 cases at Bangkok.
1 case at Dairen.
1 case at Port Arthur.
2 cases at Vladivostok.
1 case at Fusan.
1 case at Kobe.

WEATHER REPORT.

Yesterday's weather report, forecast and remarks issued by the Royal Observatory at 5 p.m. stated:

The anti-cyclone is central over S. Manchuria and is relatively over the China Sea. Moderate to fresh monsoon may be expected along the S.E. coast of China and over the Northern portion of the North China Sea.

Local forecast: N.E. winds, moderate, overcast, and occasional rain.

EXPENSES OF
CANTON ARMY.

CASUALTY LIST OF 30,000.

CENSORSHIP OF NEWSPAPERS
RE-IMPOSED.

[FROM OUR CHINESE CORRESPONDENT.]

According to an official statement, the expenses of the Canton Army amounted to only \$49,000,000 for the five months from July to November, 1926. The casualty list includes more than 30,000 names.

District magistrates of the Kwangtung Province, in conference at Canton on financial matters, have rejected the proposition advanced by Mr. Sun Fo, Commissioner of Reconstruction, to levy a surtax on farm lands for road building purposes. The surtax suggested was 50 cents a mou. The magistrates contend that the people are now carrying as many burdens in the shape of taxation as they can possibly bear.

Unable to satisfy the extremist section of the Kuomintang, whose activities against the "imperialists" and "capitalists" have failed to gain the whole-hearted support of the party leaders in the Southern capital, Mr. Chen Fu Mu, a Communist, has resigned his position in the Bureau of Agriculture and Labour. It is expected that he will leave shortly for Hankow.

Complaints from the District Executive Committee of the Kuomintang in Waichow, well-known at one time as the stronghold of the anti-Red leader, General Chan Kwing Ming, indicated that the military authorities there are not sympathetic with the Peasants Corps, a "Red" militia body affiliated with the Third International Movement. The military forces in the district have been trying to save the unarmed farmers and villagers from the persecution of terrorists who have been operating under the Red standard.

Since the capture of Hankow by the Canton Army, more than 230,000 workers have registered themselves with the several "Red" organizations founded by followers of the Soviet Mission, according to reports reaching Canton.

The Luen Yee Club of the Chinese Seamen's Union will pay special honour, to Wei Tak at Yellow Flower Hill Cemetery, Canton, on March 29th. Wei was the cabin boy who assassinated General Hung Shao Lin on board one of the President boats at Shanghai more than a year ago. He was one time a student of Queen's College at Hong Kong and is now regarded as a Kuomintang hero. He committed suicide after having fatally wounded General Hung.

The Judicial Commission in Canton has issued an order forbidding labour unions and other organizations to interfere with court proceedings. It has been the practice of labour unions and Kuomintang club to force decisions in their favour by surrounding court houses and refusing to withdraw until their demands were granted.

A strict press censorship has now been re-instituted in Canton with the object of preventing the publication of reports dealing with the split in the Kuomintang Party.

ANOTHER BATTALION FOR
SHANGHAI.

1ST BORDER REGIMENT.

LEAVING THIS MORNING ON
"KARMALA."

The 1st Border Regiment are embarking for Shanghai this (Saturday) morning on the P. & O. Karmala.

They arrived in Hong Kong on March 3rd and have been accommodated in the barracks previously occupied by the Suffolks—Victoria, Wellington, Lyemun and Whitfield Barracks, Kowloon.

When the 1st Border Regiment have left there will remain three battalions of the 13th Brigade still in Hong Kong—1st Middlesex, Green Howards and Cameronians. These, of course, are in addition to the ordinary Garrison, 2nd K.O.S.B. and 3rd Punjab.

G.S.O. 2. Shanghai Defence Force. Lieut.-Colonel J. H. M. Cornwall, C.B.E., D.S.O., M.C., now commanding a Field Battery, R.A., is also embarking on the Karmala to assume the duties of G.S.O. 2 (General Staff Officer, Grade 2) Shanghai Defence Force.

Lieut.-Colonel Cornwall, at the outbreak of the Great War, held the rank of Lieutenant in the R.A. Promotion to Captain came in October of that year and he was major (temp.) in March, 1918, being confirmed in that rank in July, 1917. Promotion to Lieut.-Colonel (Brev.) followed in March, 1919.

Lieut.-Colonel Cornwall served in France and Belgium from October, 1914, to January, 1918. He was wounded, and five times mentioned in despatches. He holds American, Belgian and French Orders. Since the War he was for a time employed with the Thracian Boundary Commission.

VILLAGE ROBBERS COM-
MITTED FOR TRIAL.

CHASE IN THE DARK.

VILLAGERS' PROMPT HELP.

The Magistracy proceedings in the case which two Chinese, are charged with, armed robbery at a match in Wong Nei Chong village on March 14th, was concluded yesterday afternoon at the Central Magistracy before Mr. R. E. Lindell.

Sergt. Rosensky prosecuted on behalf of the Police.

At the first hearing evidence was given by the owners of the match to the effect that four men, one of whom was armed with a chopper, broke into their abode at about 1 a.m. on March 14th and stole \$85 in notes, two pairs of earrings and three pairs of bangles.

Yesterday a pig farmer who lived four matcheds away from the scene of the robbery stated that at about 1 a.m. on that day he was awakened by continuous cries of "Save Life, Robbers." Coming out of his match, he heard three men run past his back door. Witness then cut across the row of matcheds and saw two men running towards him pursued by another who was calling out for help to catch the thieves. He held the first and immediately after another pig farmer also living nearby caught the second. Police whistles were then blown and half an hour later the fugitives were handed over to the Police.

The other pig farmer then gave corroborative evidence as to the arrest of the second fugitive. The two farmers identified defendants as the robbers.

Two Chinese constables testified to the arrest of the robbers.

Mr. Lindell committed prisoners for trial at the next Criminal Sessions.

PORTUGUESE
PRESENTATION.WELL-KNOWN MACAO
SURGEON HONOURED.RECEPTION AT THE CLUB
LUSITANO.

The members of the Portuguese community in Hong Kong gathered at the Club Lusitano last evening to do honour to Dr. Jose Soares, the well-known surgeon of Macao, who is leaving for Europe to-day by the a.s. Haruna Maru for a holiday. There was a large and representative attendance and during the proceedings, the Portuguese Consul-General, Senhor A. Correira de Albuquerque e Castro presented Dr. Soares with a silver cigar and cigarette box inscribed in Portuguese "Souvenir from the Portuguese Community of Hong Kong to Dr. Jose Soares, 25th March, 1927."

The ceremony took place in the large Club hall "Luiz Camoens." The Consul-General was accompanied by Mme. and Mlle. Castro and all the members of the Committees of the principal Portuguese institutions in Hong Kong—the Club Lusitano, the Club de Recreio and the Portuguese Mutual Aid Society—were also present and the large attendance of ladies was particularly noticeable.

Senhor Albuquerque, addressing the assembly, said he had been asked to speak on behalf of the Portuguese community of Hong Kong who had gathered together to testify to their deep sense of regard for Dr. Soares as a friend, and to their gratitude to him as a famous physician and surgeon who had rendered signal and beneficent services not only to the Portuguese in the Colony of Macao but to a large number of his compatriots in Hong Kong. Those who had reason to feel grateful to Dr. Soares, and those who were attached to him by ties of friendship felt impelled to offer some souvenir to Dr. Soares, upon his leaving China on long home leave.

Senhor Albuquerque then asked Dr. Soares to accept the gift which, the subscribers hoped, the Doctor might keep in token of affection and gratitude from his compatriots and friends in Hong Kong.

DR. SOARES REPLY.

Dr. Soares, in the course of a lengthy reply in Portuguese, referred to the day of his arrival in China, and said that it was a very memorable one. He landed in Hong Kong, 14 years ago, on the anniversary of the birthday of His Majesty the King, and was received with a Royal Salute, not for himself, but for the King of England.

This reception made him forget the sorrows with which he left Portugal for China at the request of his Government at 43 hours' notice.

After reviewing his work at Macao and Hong Kong, Dr. Soares thanked the Portuguese community of Hong Kong for the honour of the reception and the gift they had so kindly presented.

As to their fears that he might not return to Macao, they need not have any as he could not break away from the Far East. He was a member of the Portuguese community of Hong Kong, to whom he felt bound by ties of friendship and long association.

Dr. Soares spoke of duty as the first and foremost call upon him and described himself as an apostle of work. He had dedicated himself to work and part of his duty was to help to maintain the prestige of Portugal in China, and in that he was very materially supported by the Portuguese community of Hong Kong many of whom he claimed as his best friends. Not only among that community, but among the foreign community of Hong Kong who wrote of him and spoke of him as a personal friend.

In conclusion, Dr. Soares bade them good-bye for the time being, and gave them the assurance that he would be back in Macao as soon as he could, probably within a year's time.

Dr. Soares' acknowledgment was greeted with a round of enthusiastic applause. Three "Vivas" were called for Dr. and Mrs. Soares and were vociferously given.

Little Laura Nolasco da Silva gracefully presented Mrs. Soares with a bouquet of flowers in a silver holder.

At the conclusion of the presentation there was dancing, which was kept up until the dinner hour. The music was supplied by the Lyric Orchestra and was thoroughly enjoyed.

Dr. Soares' Career.

Dr. Soares is a native of Almeida, North Portugal. He came out to Macao as a lieutenant attached to the military medical staff in 1913. In 1915 he was transferred to Timor, but, resigning his commission in the Army, he returned to Macao in 1916 as a civilian physician.

In that year he entered into a ten years' contract to serve as medical officer under the Municipal Council and the Santa Casa de Misericordia and was appointed director of St. Rafael Hospital, the civil hospital maintained by the Santa Casa in connection with its work as a benevolent institution.

During his term of office Dr. Soares practically reorganised the clinical and administrative departments of the hospital and, as far as its finances would permit, brought it up to the standard of a modern medical institution. This reorganisation and consequent improved efficiency at once won the confidence of the public, both European and Chinese, as the following figures will show:

Out-patients:—

1st year 1,874, including 915 Chinese.

10th year 5,038, including 4,335 Chinese.

Total for 10 years 48,923, including 39,876 Chinese.

Patients admitted to hospital:—

1st year 400, including 273 Chinese.

10th year 650, including 531 Chinese.

Total for 10 years 5,108, including 3,927 Chinese.

Maternity cases:—

1st year 17; 10th year 161.

Total number for 10 years 619.

Major operations: 677 cases in 10 years; in recent years the average has been 80 per annum.

Dr. Soares represented Macao at the Congress of the Far Eastern Association of Tropical Diseases which was held at Batavia in 1921. He again acted as delegate from Macao at the 1923 Congress which took place at Singapore. It was Dr. Soares who first practised higher surgery at Macao.

The holiday upon which he starts to-morrow has been well-earned. Dr. Soares intends spending his furlough in his native country but will visit Paris in pursuance of studies connected with his profession. Upon his return to Macao next year, he will renew his contract with the Municipality for another period of 10 years.

As with most members of his profession, Dr. Soares is unassuming in character but he is well-known for his charitable and disinterested disposition and has never failed to give his best to all who have sought his assistance. For his many qualities Dr. Soares has earned the unstinted praise of his numerous friends and admirers both at Macao and Hong Kong.

There has just been issued by the printing and publishing firm at Macao "Typografia Mercantil" of Messrs. Fernandes e Silhos a voluminous book of 273 pages on St. Rafael's Hospital. The work is from the pen of Dr. Soares and is dedicated to the late General Rodrigues. The illustrations are all in colotype and are a valuable addition to the literature which gives a complete and comprehensive history of the hospital with special reference to the decennial period 1916-1926 when the hospital was under Dr. Soares' administration.

NOCTURNAL SAMPAN
RAIDERS.VICTIM'S WRIST CUT TO GET
BANGLES.

CASE AGAIN ADJOURNED.

The case in which four Chinese, alleged to have committed an armed robbery on a junk at Causeway Bay on February 28th, at about 12 o'clock midnight, was continued yesterday at the Kowloon Magistracy before Mr. R. E. Lindell.

Mr. D. McCallum appeared for the third defendant, and the first defendant was represented by Mr. A. J. O'Donoghue. The prosecution was conducted by Sub-Inspector Andrews of the Water Police.

Evidence given at yesterday's hearing was to the effect that the four accused went on board the sampan, armed with daggers and choppers, stole a pair of gold bangles from the occupant, an old woman, by cutting her wrist. The robbers made their escape on a small boat, but before they could reach shore, the boat capsized. One of the men, it is alleged, swam towards the Jardine Sugar Refinery, where he clambered on shore and was there arrested by an Indian watchman. The other three men were clinging to a rope attached to a launch, where they were found by a Chinese constable.

Cross-examined by Mr. McCallum, the Chinese constable said that the men in the water were trying to run away.

Mr. McCallum: Can you tell me how a man runs on water? (Laughter.) No answer.

Witness went on to say that although many people had gathered around the water front, no one knew the robbers had fallen into the water until he arrived and discovered the men with the aid of his torch.

Cross-examined by Mr. O'Donoghue, witness said, perhaps a little illogically that if a robbery had been committed on a sampan, the natural conclusion would be that the men would fall into the water.

Mr. O'Donoghue: And so they have got into hot water, then? (Laughter.)

Corroborative evidence was given by two other Chinese constables, after which the case was again adjourned till Monday morning.

A FAMILY SQUABBLE.

OLD WOMAN ASSAULTED.

"SHE IS MY STEP-MOTHER."

Before Mr. R. E. Lindell at the Central Magistracy yesterday, a Chinese was charged with assaulting an old Chinese woman.

Inspector Grant said that the defendant was seen by Inspector Wichee chasing the woman. He said he struck the woman, who was his step-mother—because there was a quarrel between them and also he wanted her to lend him money.

Defendant admitted the charge and added: "She is my step-mother."

His Worship: Is that a good excuse for assaulting her?

Accused: She chased me with a stick and I took a bamboo pole to scare her off. I did not actually strike her.

His Worship: But you admitted assaulting her, and it is alleged you did it with that iron bar.

Accused: Oh no, that bar was produced by her after my arrest.

The woman said she was washing some bowls in the kitchen of the Ellis Kadoorie School when accused rushed in and struck her three times with the iron bar (produced).

His Worship: What was the reason for this assault?—I don't know.

Nonsense, I don't believe you at all. There must have been some previous disagreement between you two.

Complainant: He always disliked me because his father supported me instead of him.

His Worship ordered a remand until this morning for accused's father to be called.

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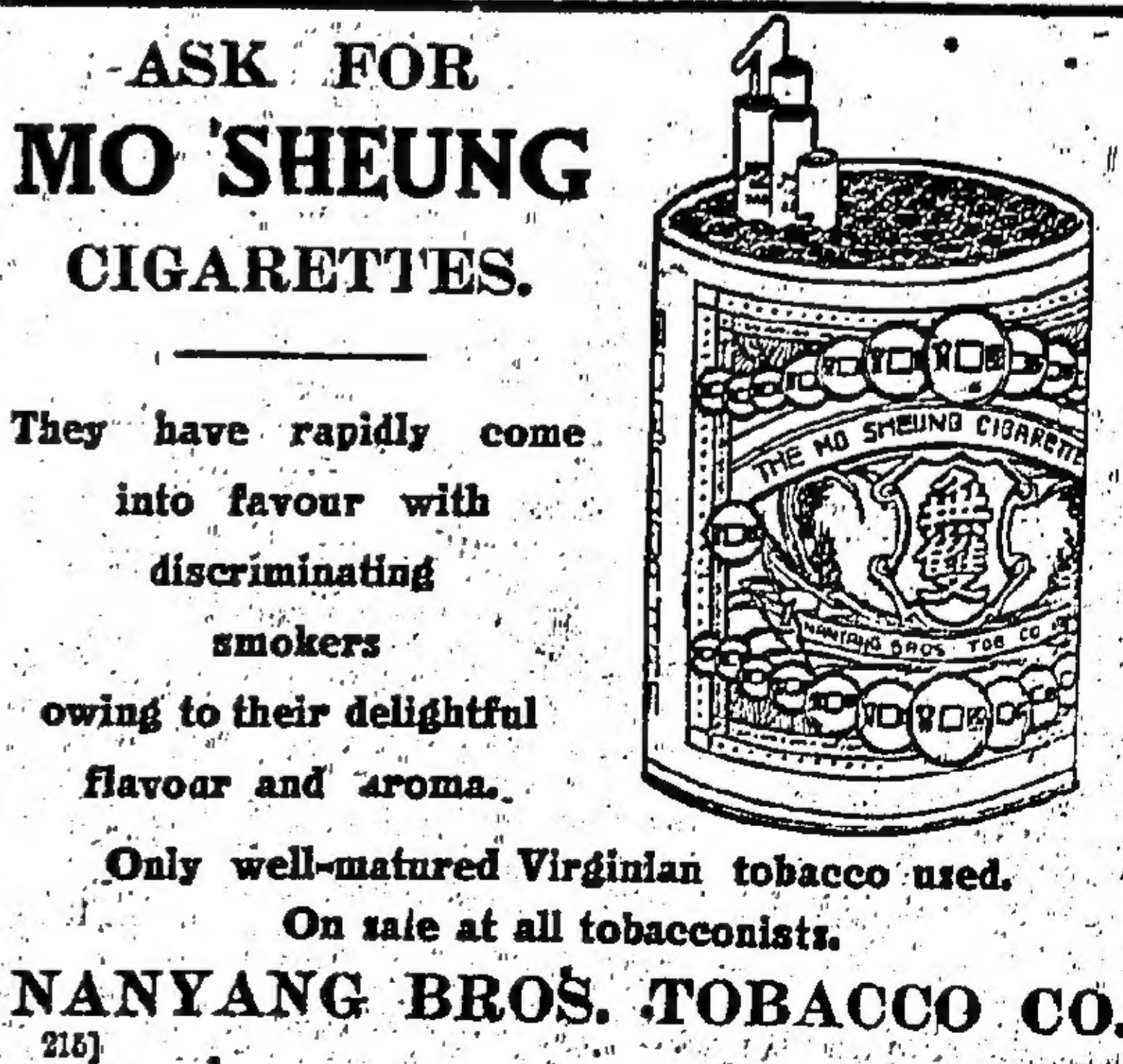
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Mr. E. V. M. R. DE SOUSA, The Auctioneer.
[4730]

NAVY LEAGUE.

THE ANNUAL MEETING of the above will be held on TUESDAY, 27th INSTANT at 5.30 P.M. in the Board Room of Messrs. JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD. (by kind permission) for the following purposes—

- (1) To receive the Report of the Committee and Statement of Accounts for the Past Year.
- (2) To elect the Officers and Committee for the ensuing year.
- (3) To transact any other business of which due Notice has been given.

All Members are Requested to Attend.
L. M. WHYTE,
Hon. Secretary,
Hong Kong, 23rd March, 1927. [4728]

FANLING HUNT RACES.

SATURDAY, 9th APRIL, 1927.

ENTRIES for the STEEPCHASE MEETING at KWANTAI RACE COURSE CLOSE on MONDAY, 27th MARCH at A. H. POTTS, c/o BENJAMIN & POTTS, from whom Entry Forms may be obtained. [4716]

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INTIMATIONS.

HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

THE FIRST EXTRA RACE MEETING will be held (Weather Permitting) at HAPPY VALLEY on SATURDAY, 26th MARCH, 1927, commencing at 2.15 P.M. The First Race will be Run at 1.50 P.M.

The Charge for Admission to the Public Enclosure will be \$1.00 for all Persons including Ladies. Soldiers and Sailors in Uniform Half Price.

Members are advised that they must show their Badges to obtain Admission to the Members' Enclosure.

Each Member has the right to introduce 2 Non-members to the Members' Enclosure, for whom can be obtained from Messrs. LINTY & DAVIS at \$5.00 each up to FRIDAY, 25th MARCH.

The Charge for Admission for Ladies to the Members' Enclosure will be \$2.00. Each Member can obtain, upon application to the SECRETARY, Badges for Admission of 2 Ladies Free of Charge. [4710]

A. S. WATSON & CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FORTY-SECOND ANNUAL ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the COMPANY (since its registration) will be held at the Hong Kong Hotel, Hong Kong, on SATURDAY, the 26th MARCH, 1927, at 11 A.M., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st OCTOBER, 1926.

The REGISTER of SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED from FRIDAY, the 25th DAY OF MARCH, to MONDAY, the 28th DAY OF MARCH, 1927. Both Days inclusive, during which period No Transfer of Shares can be registered.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON, General Managers,
Hong Kong, 14th March, 1927. [4674]

THE DAIRY FARM, ICE & COLD STORAGE CO., LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the THIRTY-FIRST ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the Company's Office, 2, Lower Albert Road, on SATURDAY, 26th MARCH, 1927, at 11 A.M., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts, declaring a Dividend and re-electing Directors and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 15th to the 25th MARCH, 1927, Both Days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
J. D. THOMSON,
Acting Secretary,
Hong Kong, 11th March, 1927. [4672]

THE HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE FIFTY-EIGHTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Office of the Undersecretary of the General Managers, together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st DECEMBER, 1926.

The SHARE REGISTER and TRANSFER BOOKS will be CLOSED from the 15th to the 25th MARCH, 1927, Both Days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD., General Managers,
Hong Kong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.,
Hong Kong, 7th March, 1927. [4636]

THE HONG KONG & WHAMPOA DOCK CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN

that the ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held in the Office of the Company, 2, QUEEN'S BUILDINGS, Hong Kong, on TUESDAY, 27th MARCH, 1927, at 11 A.M., for the purpose of receiving the Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st DECEMBER, 1926.

The SHARE REGISTER and TRANSFER BOOKS will be CLOSED from the 23rd to the 27th MARCH, 1927 (Both Days inclusive).

By Order of the Board of Directors,
R. M. DYER,
Chief Manager,
Hong Kong, 16th March, 1927. [4684]

GREEN ISLAND CEMENT CO., LIMITED.

THE 35th ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held at the Office of the Company, 2, QUEEN'S BUILDING, CHATER ROAD, VICTORIA, HONG KONG, on WEDNESDAY, the 29th DAY OF MARCH, 1927, at 11 O'CLOCK in the FORENOON, for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Directors for the Year ended 31st DECEMBER, 1926.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from TUESDAY, 27th MARCH, 1927, until WEDNESDAY, the 29th MARCH, 1927, Both Days inclusive.

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO., General Managers,
Hong Kong, 17th March, 1927. [4661]

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HONG KONG, MARCH 26th, 1927.

CHINESE AND JAPANESE.

It is frequently asserted that just as Japan has, to a large extent, forsaken her past traditions and wholeheartedly embraced the Western creed of progress so China must of necessity proceed along similar lines, though perhaps more slowly and with greater hesitation. The development is regarded as more or less inevitable. Its delay is attributed to natural causes, to imperfect knowledge of Western methods and the difficulty of extending that knowledge; certainly never to any lack of will. This may be true in its general outline. Probably the more dynamic thought of the Western nations will ultimately dominate and direct the activities of the Chinese race, but there is no reason to suppose that it will do so quickly, suddenly or without a fairly stiff resistance.

There is a very considerable difference in outlook between the Japanese and the Chinese, just as there is between the British and the French, so that it does not follow that the example set by the one will be imitated by the other. Some people are, by nature, experimental and given to change. They readily discard a custom or a tradition which is effete or seems to have served its purpose. Others, like the Chinese, hold tenaciously to ideas which are apparently at variance with modern requirements and refuse to surrender them.

The Japanese attach very great importance to the supremacy of the State. Their system of rule is highly centralised. Changes can be readily introduced because they can be imposed with authority from a common centre which all revere. The Chinese, on the other hand, have never concerned themselves, except in a vague way, with what went on at Peking. Centralised authority practically never touched them. They live their life in the village and in the family. It could not be otherwise with such an unwieldy population. Again Japan has always been aristocratic as far as government is concerned and has maintained a respect for the ruling caste, the separate and special nature and decent of which has for centuries inspired the general mass of the people with that feeling which still prevails in England to some extent towards the peerage. China on the other hand has for centuries been extremely democratic. Her rulers have been drawn from the villages and towns and have been selected, not by birth or because of caste, but by examination. The governing class, therefore, apart from the Emperor, has been composed of men who commanded respect because of their learning but never inspired awe.

It is unnecessary to retail further contrasts which are obvious to those familiar with both nations. The point is that, as a nation, the Chinese must of necessity take a somewhat different route from that of the Japanese who always considered that the safety of the State depended upon the efficiency of their samurai and fighting class and were led to embrace the Western doctrine in order to ensure the supremacy of their fighting forces. China, at the moment, has taken over the Western weapons of destruction, but they are being used half-heartedly in the typical Chinese way. The new garb of modern militarism sits ill on Chinese shoulders. It is a phase. The incongruity of boys having to be armed with rifles indicates quite clearly that the "Chinese cannot overcome their inherent dislike of the soldier and it is safe to say that for many decades in China the method of winning battles will be by propaganda and by the power of the dollar.

As it is in the field of war so it is likely to be in other fields of activity. It will be extremely difficult to modernise their outlook because they cannot easily be convinced of the irrationality of their present views. Whatever the future has in store, it is quite certain that the change in China, with its four hundred millions of people, primarily and almost exclusively concerned with their individual or family interest, will not be as in Japan, with its sixty millions looking towards Tokyo, almost catastrophic in its suddenness. China, as a whole, has a far too profound reverence for her own history, a much too deeply ingrained idea that her own culture is to be preferred to that of the occident to show disrespect for the past by embracing what hitherto has been despised. Such an attitude will not yield to Western blandishments for many years.

Shareholders are reminded that the 42nd annual meeting of A. S. Watson & Co., Ltd., will be held at the Hong Kong Hotel at 11 A.M. to-day.

Mr. Roberts, a resident at the Hong Kong Club, has reported the loss of a silver watch, value \$10 from Room 35, betw. 11 A.M. and 5 P.M. on Thursday.

The 31st ordinary yearly meeting of the Dairy Farm Ice and Cold Storage Co., Ltd., will be held to-day at noon, at the Company's Town Office, No. 2, Lower Albert Road.

On Thursday two Chinese cases of small-pox, one Chinese case of diphtheria and one Portuguese case of enteric were reported.

Another meeting of the New Territories (Northern District) Development Show Committee has been arranged for this afternoon, at 2.30 to be held at Lady Ho Tung's tarai, Sheung Shui.

St. Stephen's College annual sports meeting is to be held at the University sports ground, Pokfulam, on Wednesday afternoon next. The sports begin at 1.30 and included in the events is the old boys' 250 yards race.

An excellent programme is promised at the Queen's Theatre tomorrow evening, at the 9.30 performance when the masked bands of the 1st Cameronians and the 1st Border Regiment will give a concert.

Major C. Willson reports that he left behind in a motor-car whilst carrying out Volunteer exercises at Stanley, a range table for 6 inch howitzers in a leather case, and a copy of the Field Service Regulations in a leather covered clasp.

A Chinese married woman, living on the second floor of No. 18, Saigon Street, attempted to commit suicide yesterday by taking an overdose of opium. She was removed to the Kwong Wah Hospital, and was in a critical condition last night.

Yesterday the police received a somewhat belated report of a theft of 6 dozen knives, valued at \$30, from the Hong Kong Club between January 1st and February 28th. It would materially help the police if all such losses are reported immediately they are discovered.

In a reference yesterday, to the Naval raid on Bias Bay it was stated that Captain Mackintosh, who was wounded when the *Tung-chow* was pirated, had since succumbed to his injuries. This was incorrect. Captain Mackintosh had his leg amputated, but is now well and is living in England.

Piece goods to the total value of \$319 which were obtained from the Chan On Hing Store, at Wellington Street, by a well-dressed Chinese who gave a forged \$500 note and \$19 in notes of small denomination on Wednesday, have been recovered by the Police from a certain house. Two men have been detained.

The No. 1 Fireman of the S.S. *Apney* was on Thursday arrested by Revenue Officers for the unlawful possession of 149 taels of non-Government opium worth \$1,768. He was allowed personal bail in the sum of \$500. Yesterday morning he failed to appear when the case was called before Mr. Lindsell. The bail was exonerated and the opium confiscated.

While members of the Amateur Dramatic Club were on Thursday night presenting "The Last of Mrs. Cheyne" which shows how a "crook" was dramatically foiled at the last moment from getting away with \$20,000 worth of pearls, a real "crook" got into the cloakroom of the Theatre Royal, and was not prevented from getting away with property worth \$101.

Despite the bad weather there was a very good attendance at St. John's Cathedral last evening for the organ recital given by Mr. Frederick Mason, A.R.C.O., L.T.C.L., the Cathedral Organist, who was ably supported by Mrs. L. C. F. Celly (soprano). The programme, details of which were given yesterday, was much appreciated. The organ contributions were particularly good and well chosen; while Mrs. Bellamy was heard to much advantage in her two solos.

At the Central Magistracy yesterday morning, a Chinese, who was formerly employed by Messrs. Rowell's Store, appeared on remand, before Major C. Willson, on charges of stealing and receiving goods, proved to have been stolen at some time, or other from the shop. He was convicted on two charges of stealing, and was sentenced to terms aggregating six months' hard labour.

A very enjoyable social and concert, arranged for the benefit of members of His Majesty's Forces now in the Colony, was held at the Wesleyan Sailors' and Soldiers' Home, Arsenal Street, last evening, and was very well attended, despite the inclemency of the weather. An excellent programme had been arranged by the entertainment committee of the Wanchai Wesleyan Church, and was contributed to by several local residents.

The Hong Kong Amateur Dramatic Club will conclude what has proved to be one of their most successful seasons to-night, when they give the final performance of "The Last of Mrs. Cheyne" at the Theatre Royal. The theatre has been exceptionally well attended at each performance, and there was another good house last night. It is expected that to-night there will not be a spare seat available, and the performance certainly merits a full house.

H.M.S. *Bluebell*, which has recently been thoroughly overhauled at Taikoo Dock, went alongside the sea wall at the dock to be fitted with new electric wiring prior to returning to the naval anchorage. While the fittings were being installed it was noticed that a number were stolen. A close watch was kept, and as a result a coolie was arrested by a Chinese watchman on Thursday. He was in one of the cabins in the act of concealing several lengths of wire under his girdle. When searched by the police two knives were also found in his possession. At the Central Magistracy yesterday, Mr. R. E. Lindsell sentenced him to six weeks' hard labour.

As previously announced this week there will be a special service at the Union Church, Kennedy Road, to-morrow evening in commemoration of the Centenary of Beethoven's death. Prior to the evening service, there will be a Beethoven recital at 5.30, lasting for half an hour. Selections from the great composer's works will be played by the organist, Mr. G. E. Longyear, and by Mrs. H. Balaan, violinist. At the evening service, which follows, the Rev. J. Kirk Macdonald will deliver an address on "The Life and Character of Beethoven." During the service, the anthem "The Heavens Proclaim Him" (Beethoven) will be sung. The collections to-morrow will be for the British and Foreign Bible Society.

"A CLEAR AND PEACEFUL CONSCIENCE."

PORTUGUESE GENERAL'S WILL.

ESTATE OF \$32,000 LEFT.

Letters of administration, with the will annexed, to the estate of Fernando Jose Rodrigues, late of the Portuguese Colony of Macao, retired General, who died on November 27th, 1926, at Macao, has been granted to Carlos Augusto da Rocha, of St. George's Building, Hong Kong, Exchange Broker, attorney of Alina Clarisa de Sena Fernandes Rodrigues, the widow of the deceased.

Deceased left property in the Colony to the extent of \$32,200. His will is written in Portuguese, and part of the translation reads as under:—

"I declare by my honour that in my life time I did not cause remorse to myself, whether as a bachelor, or as a married man, and I have no unnatural or illegitimate children, for it is recognised in this respect that one has to perform some duty; but by the honour which was always the rule of my life I would have fulfilled these obligations, which should be the duty of every honest man, for I was always a slave to dignity, and for dignity I have always regulated all my acts so that when I die I may leave this earth with a clear and peaceful conscience. Who in life did honour his name, and his country, and his family never practice an act which might tarnish it."

Deceased left his wife, whom he described as a devoted and holy companion, half of his fortune. The other half he left to be divided in equal shares between his three children.

Deceased adds in his will, "It is my wish and last will that my heirs, by the love they bear me and the devotion and affection which I have always had for them, comply and execute this Testament exactly in accordance with its contents."

CHINESE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

At the annual general meeting of the Hong Kong Chinese General Chamber of Commerce held yesterday afternoon, Mr. Li Yau Tsun was re-elected chairman; Mr. M. K. Lo, legal adviser; and Mr. T. N. Chau, hon. English secretary.

The officers and executive committee were elected for the year as follows: Chairman, Li Yau Tsun; Vice-Chairman, Li Yik Mui; Treasurer, Fung Ping Shan; and Members of Executive Committee, Ho Kwong, Lee Shing Kui, Lee Tso Sun, Li Pao Kwai, Ho Wing, Wong Yiu Tung, J. Morris Wong, Tam Woon Tong, Wong Ping Suan, Chen Pi Chuan, Lui Yam Suan, Loo Chung Kue, Ma Tsui Chiu, Lau Yuk Fun, Tang Shiu Kin.

Some 97 members attended the meeting, including Mr. Ip Lan Chuan, general secretary of the Chamber.

CAN'T PAY HIS HOTEL BILL.

FOREIGNER FACES FALSE PRETENCE CHARGE.

STORY OF ELECTRICAL BUSINESS IN TIENTSIN.

Charged with obtaining board and lodging under false pretences, Ferdinand Hauschild, who described himself as an electrical engineer, was brought before Mr. R. E. Lindsell, at the Central Magistracy yesterday.

It was stated that the accused went to the Palace Hotel, took a room and registered himself in the name of F. Hoffmann. After staying 17 days and piling up a bill of \$217.85, of which \$132.85 were bar-chits, he left the hotel without paying.

Defendant said in Court that he could not pay at the present moment, but if given time, he would be able to get the money from Tientsin. He said that he had told the Hotel manager that his luggage could be auctioned to discharge his obligations, if necessary. As to giving a false name, accused said that he was commonly called Hoffmann and as he had no intention to remain in the Colony for any length of time, he took no pains to correct it. He simply let it go at that. Acting Inspector Elston said that the accused had arrived from Tientsin on February 29th. He stayed a night at the King Edward Hotel, and the next day went over to the Palace.

In his evidence, Mr. C. Earnshaw, Manager of the Palace Hotel, said that on the evening of March 13th he was with the assistant manager of the Kowloon Hotel who introduced defendant in the name of Hoffmann. Accused slept in the hotel that night and signed the following morning in that same name. He lived in the hotel until March 19th and ran up an account of \$217.85, including bar-chits amounting to \$132.85. Accused's luggage consisted of a large trunk and a suitcase.

"Could Always get Money."

Accused said he was an electrical engineer with a large business in North China where he employed 17 foreigners and Chinese. He declared he could always get money, and told witness not to worry about the bill. On the night of March 19th accused disappeared, leaving his luggage behind. The trunk and suitcase contained some clothing and Japanese curios which would not fetch more than \$50.

Accused admitted everything except that he did not bear himself being introduced as Hoffmann. The first time he was called by that name was in the bar.

The hotel register was produced in which accused signed himself as F. Hoffmann. In the hotel's guest list he put himself down as having arrived from Kobe, Japan; birthplace Bohemia, nationality Austrian.

Acting Sub-Inspector Elston said he saw accused at 1 p.m. on Thursday in Ice House Street. He was in the custody of Detective Sergeant Baker who arrested him in the Hotel Savoy.

Only 30 Cents.

At witness's request accused produced his passport issued by the Czechoslovakian Consul at Peking. Accused's name was given here as Ferdinand Hauschild, born at Dukau, Austria. Witness said this town was now part of Czechoslovakia and is now known as Dekov. When searched accused had four pawn-tickets and only 30 cents in "his pocket. Accused admitted to witness he had no employment but said he could get money from Tientsin.

The witness added that after leaving the Palace accused went to Canton for one night and then returned and went to live in a Chinese house in Yau-mat.

Accused told the Magistrate that he did not intend to defraud the hotel and had left his luggage as security. His property had originally cost him \$800 and he was sure it would be worth at least \$200 here. The Magistrate remanded accused in police custody until this morning and ordered Acting Sub-Inspector Elston to have accused's property properly valued.

AN ULTIMATUM FOR THE CANTONESE

FOREIGNERS STILL IN NANKING.

SITUATION DESCRIBED AS "CRITICAL."

BRITISH CONSUL SAFE: AMERICAN PROFESSOR DEAD.

GENERAL CHIANG KAI SHEK'S EXPLANATION.

SERIOUS SITUATION ALSO AT CHINKIANG.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

SHANGHAI, March 25th. The latest wireless news from Nanking describes the situation as "critical." The British and American naval authorities are working in close and friendly co-operation. Ninety-nine Americans, including 44 women and 38 children and 15 Britons are still not yet evacuated. The American doctor, J. E. Williams, Vice-President of Nanking University, is known to be dead. At Chinkiang.

The British steamer *Wenchow* has evacuated 20 American missionaries from Chinkiang, where many foreign houses were looted following an anti-foreign demonstration.

"DRASTIC ACTION."

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

SHANGHAI, March 25th. The British and American naval authorities at Nanking have sent an ultimatum to the Cantonese threatening drastic action unless the remaining foreigners are escorted to safety.

British Consul Safe.

Mr. B. Giles, the British Consul, is safe aboard *H.M.S. Emerald*.

BRITISH INTELLIGENCE OFFICER MISSING.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

SHANGHAI, March 25th. It is now reported that Captain Spear, a British Intelligence Officer, is missing at Nanking, whither Chiang Kai Shek is hurrying to restore order.

GENERAL CHIANG KAI SHEK AND THE TROUBLE.

[CHINESE PRESS SERVICE.]

SHANGHAI, March 25th. It is stated that General Chiang Kai Shek has sent a representative to the Japanese Consul at Wuhu to state that the trouble at Nanking is owing entirely to misunderstanding. He declares that the bullets which struck the foreign warships were intended for the Shantung soldiers as they retreated across the Yangtze. The Cantonese (he added) have no animosity towards foreigners.

General Chiang is proceeding to Nanking to settle the trouble.

JAPANESE NAVAL SAILORS LANDED.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

SHANGHAI, March 25th. A wireless message from Nanking states that 30 Japanese Naval sailors were landed to endeavour to secure touch with the Japanese Consulate.

One of the wireless reports states that the news that the Japanese Consul was killed has not been confirmed.

JAPANESE CONSUL SAFE.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

SHANGHAI, March 25th. The latest Japanese Naval wireless message from Nanking states that all the Japanese houses in the city have been completely looted, but that the Japanese Consul and other Japanese residents are safe, though two have been slightly wounded.

REMAINING FOREIGNERS TO BE EVACUATED.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

SHANGHAI, March 25th. A wireless message from Nanking states that the American Admiral Hough has contracted with the Cantonese General with whom he was negotiating for the evacuation of the remaining foreigners.

3,000 NORTHERNERS DISARMED.

[CHINESE PRESS SERVICE.]

SHANGHAI, March 25th. Nanking was completely taken by the Southerners, when they entered the city early on the morning of the 24th. It was disarmed some 3,000 Shantungese. The majority of the "Northerners" retreated to Pukow and Shantung, both of which were also taken by the Southerners on the afternoon of the same day. There was great confusion, fires and looting.

ROUNDING-UP IRREGULARS.

[CHINESE PRESS SERVICE.]

SHANGHAI, March 25th. To-day the Kuomintang troops continued rounding-up all armed irregulars including labour pickets and plain-clothes soldiers at Chapei and other places nearby.

GRATITUDE TO BRITAIN.

A WIDELY-SIGNED MESSAGE TO THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

SHANGHAI, March 25th. Non-British foreigners in Shanghai are widely signing a message to the British Government stating that if British troops had not arrived when they did, "the women and children would have had to be evacuated and the Settlement would probably have shared the fate of Hankow and Kiukiang." The message expresses appreciation to the British Government "for its prompt and adequate measures for the defence of Shanghai." Many Americans have signed the message, including Mr. Stirling Fessenden, an American, who is Chairman of the Shanghai Municipal Council.

RUSSIAN SOVIETS.

REJOICE IN THE EVENTS AT SHANGHAI.

"DOWN WITH CHAMBERLAIN."

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

Riga, March 25th. According to messages from Moscow the telegraph office at Shanghai has informed the Soviets of its inability to deliver the Red Trade Union International's telegram congratulating Shanghai workers. The message was broadcast especially for the benefit of Soviet workers. It suggests that the British telegraph officials at Shanghai purposely refrained from delivering the telegram. The "time is not far distant," the message says, "when Chamberlain in London will share a similar fate."

The Soviets are celebrating the capture of Shanghai as though the victory were their own. Meetings are being held in all towns at which resolutions, largely anti-British, are reported to have been passed and congratulations tendered to the Communist International.

The workers, even in far China, are said to have been parading the streets carrying banners inscribed with such slogans as "Down with Chamberlain."

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS IN THE COMMONS.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

ROBURY, March 24th. Asked about the negotiations between the Nationalist commander in Shanghai and the British authorities, Sir Austen Chamberlain stated in Parliament that the British Consul-General, with his Japanese and French colleagues, the Commissioner of Customs and the Chairman of the Chinese Chamber of Commerce, met the Nationalist General yesterday morning and urged him to control the irregulars and to stop sniping, which had already caused casualties to the foreign forces.

The Nationalist Commander, whose attitude was moderate and reasonable, said he assumed responsibility for maintenance of order and was taking steps for the examination of unauthorised bodies functioning in the name of the Nationalist Government. He hoped the strike would be called off to-day. The British Consul-General had reported that the attitude of the irregulars and armed labourers, led by Communist agitators, was still uncertain but that order prevailed in the Settlement.

Press telegrams to-day state that the efforts of General Pai Shung Shi, the Nationalist Commander, to restore order has met with success. Complying with his demand, the general strike has been called off, while business is being generally resumed except in the devastated Chapei district. Omnibuses are running, and it is stated that the tramway services will be restored this evening.

The Premier was asked whether, in view of the existing position in Shanghai, the British Government proposed to extend full diplomatic recognition to the Nationalist Government.

The Premier replied that the British Government were continuing to maintain contact with the Nationalist authorities in Hankow, through a member of the British Diplomatic staff. As regards the future Government, they would be guided by circumstances, and he could not forecast what modifications, if any, of their attitude may be required necessary by the present or future developments.

U.S. GOVERNMENT AND CHINA.

"ONE HUNDRED PER CENT." SUPPORT FOR THE AMERICAN FORCES.

[THROUGH AMERICAN SERVICE.]

WASHINGTON, March 25th. Mr. Wilbur, Secretary for the Navy, after conferring with Mr. Kellogg, has issued formal assurances of a "full hundred per cent. support by Government" for the American naval forces in China. "Admiral Williams has been fully authorised to use all the forces at his command at his discretion for the protection of American life and property." He added that the Admiral has not yet asked for additional forces beyond the three fast cruisers already despatched.

NEGOTIATIONS AS TO SHANGHAI SETTLEMENT.

PLAIN SPEAKING BY A LONDON JOURNAL.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, March 25th. The happenings at Nanking lead the *Daily Telegraph* to ponder over the terrible reminder and contrast between the realities of the Chinese situation and the diplomatic fictions upon the weaving of which so much care has been bestowed. The facts available finally dispose of the idea that the so-called Government to whom the Cantonese Army is supposed to owe allegiance, is an authority with whom peaceable and civilised relations are possible.

Whether the Cantonese Government willed the happenings at Nanking or not, the only conclusion to be drawn from this monstrous episode is that the psychology of Chinese warfare is still that of the Taiping and Boxer Risings. "It may as well be recognised that in playing at diplomacy against this ghastly background we are gaining nothing but humiliation."

The paper is gratified by the non-British Message of gratitude to the British Government.

The *Daily Telegraph*, referring to Lord Desborough's speech in the House of Lords, as regards the British Government's readiness to negotiate at Shanghai on similar lines as at Hankow, says that those knowing Lord Desborough will be aware that he can only have used this phrase on instructions from the Government, or whose behalf he spoke, although possibly the exact words were not carefully weighed.

"Previous utterances of Ministers had been, unfortunately, open to similar misconstruction." Pending an authoritative correction, our countrymen in China can be assured that appreciation of the true position in Shanghai is general among responsible minds in this country. The fact that the adoption of an independent policy by the British Government with regard to an International Settlement is out of the question, it is well understood here.

And even were it possible that the Government were not blind to the unhappy consequences of the diplomatic measures already taken—to every intelligent observer of the Chinese situation, of which Shanghai is the centre—it is to-day a monstrous welter of political confusion and insanity. One cannot negotiate with chaos and no statesman now here or elsewhere can be prepared to make or propose an attempt."

GENERAL PI SHOU CHEN.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

SHANGHAI, March 25th. A telegram from Tientsin, dated the 24th instant, states that General Pi Shou Chen has arrived there from Shanghai.

SIX PEKING STUDENTS EXECUTED.

[CHINESE PRESS SERVICE.]

SHANGHAI, March 25th. The students who were arrested in Peking from the eight Government Universities and alleged to be responsible for "Red" propaganda agitators, have been summarily tried and six of them were executed on the 23rd instant.

[EARLIER TELEGRAMS.]

[NAVAL WIRELESS.]

NANKING, March 24th.

A general retreat of the Shantung forces commenced last night and scenes of indescribable confusion reigned in the rush of masses of troops for the boats crossing the river. Eventually, machine-guns and bombs were brought into use to keep the Chinese transports clear until embarkation arrangements were organised.

The foreigners inside the city were concentrated at the Nanking University in view of the critical situation. Two small groups were isolated.

The Cantonese leader, General Pei Chan Wei, captured the city, but allowed the Northerners to continue their crossing to Pukow.

A Big Fire.

A large fire started in the region of Haikwan at about five o'clock in the morning, but it was got under control by eight o'clock, by which time the Cantonese advance guard had arrived and firing was commenced from both banks of the river. The Cantonese had begun to round up Shantung prisoners at about 9 a.m.

Soviet Steamer Scuttled.

The Soviet steamer *Pamiat Lenina*, recently seized by Marshal Sun Chuan Fang, was scuttled, and a Chinese transport was sent down the river empty.

Cantonese Forces "Completely Out of Hand."

Two ratings of the small British guards reached H.M.S. *Emerald* at about noon.

The remainder of the foreign residents retired to the Standard Oil Hill, where a small American guard was posted, and H.M.S. *Wolver* was sent from Wuhu.

The foreigners, concentrated in a building on the Bund, were evacuated.

In the forenoon, the Cantonese forces got completely out of hand, and the British Consulate was attacked, the British Consul, Bertram Giles, C.M.G., being seriously wounded, while a British doctor, Dr. L. S. Smith, was killed. The Consulate was looted.

Foreigners Escaping. In the afternoon, shortly after three o'clock, foreigners were endeavouring to escape by climbing over the city wall, and the British and American warships, H.M.S. *Emerald* and H.M.S. *Wolver*, and the U.S.S. *Noa* and U.S.S. *Preston*, opened gunfire to assist.

Subsequently, both the British and American warships landed blue-jackets and marines to go to the rescue.

H.M.S. *Cricket* has been sent to Nanking with a merchant convoy.

Later. The British Consulate was attacked by totally un disciplined soldiers, who are reported to have been Cantonese. H.M.S. *Emerald* has requested the despatch of H.M.S. *Caradoc* to the scene.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

Order Being Restored at Shanghai.

LONDON, March 24th. Press telegrams to-day state the efforts of General Pai Shung Shi, the Nationalist Commander, to restore order have met with success.

Complying with his demand, the general strike has been called off while business is being generally resumed, except in the devastated Chapei district. Omnibuses are running and it is stated that the tramway services will be restored this evening.

[NAVAL WIRELESS.]

The Situation at Hankow.

HANKOW, March 24th. All American women and children are being evacuated.

The situation is unchanged, but there are rumours of labour organisations forcing anti-foreign agitation to a head.

Troops are proceeding down river.

What is Happening at Chinkiang.

CHINKIANG, March 24th.

All steamers passing Chinkiang are being fired on from both banks of the river.

A demonstration through the concession was staged this afternoon and the foreign women and children were evacuated from their homes and concentrated at their respective installations, with destroyers lying alongside.

Chungking, Changsha and Wuhu.

CHUNGKING, March 24th. The city remains quiet. The Commissioner for Foreign Affairs has left for Hankow.

CHANGSHA, March 24th. A slight fracas between natives and men from H.M.S. *Woodcock* occurred in the city last night. One of the ratings was injured about the head.

WUHU, March 24th. The whole town is plastered with virulent anti-British posters.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

No Hankow Newspapers.

LONDON, March 24th.

Replying in the House of Commons to Mr. H. W. Loecker, Sir Austen Chamberlain said he had received a report from Hankow that the *Central China Post* and also the American-owned paper, the *Hankow Herald*, has been compelled to close down owing to the whole of their staffs being forced to strike.

He did not doubt that His Majesty's representative there would make every proper endeavour to secure protection for this interest.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

More U.S. Warships for Shanghai.

WASHINGTON, March 24th.

At the request of Rear-Admiral Williams, the light cruisers *Richmond*, *Marblehead* and *Cincinnati* have been ordered to Shanghai immediately from Honolulu.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

The Defence of Shanghai.

LONDON, March 24th.

In the House of Commons, replying to Mr. H. Day (Labour) whether it was at present intended to send any further British troops to Shanghai, Sir L. Worthington-Evans said that the 1st Devons were at present going to Shanghai from Hong Kong.

He was unable to forecast what other changes it might be found necessary to make in the composition of the force at Shanghai.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

RECOGNISING CANTON.

Britain's Attitude.

LONDON, March 24th.

In the House of Commons, replying to Mr. J. Beckett (Labour) who asked whether, in view of the position in Shanghai, the Government proposed to extend full diplomatic recognition to the Nationalist Government, Mr. Baldwin pointed out that the Government was continuing to maintain contact with the Nationalist authorities at Hankow through a member of Sir Miles Lampson's diplomatic staff who was detached for residence at Hankow for that purpose. As regards the future, His Majesty's Government would be guided by circumstances. He was unable to forecast what modification, if any, of their attitude might be rendered necessary by the present or future developments.

THE RESCUES AT NANKING.

GALLANT NAVAL WORK.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

SHANGHAI, March 24th.

The latest news from Nanking says that a naval rescue party approached the Hill, under renewed fire from the Cantonese, resulting in further foreign casualties, including some Americans.

Ultimately, however, as the result of this heroic effort the remaining foreigners were evacuated.

Dr. L. Satchwell Smith, of the Tientsin-Pukow Railway administration, who was killed, had resided in Nanking for sixteen years, and came from Birmingham. His wife was among the refugees arriving at Shanghai to-day.

Mr. Bertram Giles, the British Consul-General, is now reported to be severely wounded. There are probably other British casualties.

British Demands.

NANKING, March 25th.

Foreign residents known to have been evacuated after concentrated gunfire over an area not inhabited by the civil population.

The Southern General Pei Chan Wei sent a deputation to H.M.S. *Emerald*, and the deputation was told that the British demands were as follows:—(1) The immediate issue of an order for protection of foreigners, and (2) the provision of an escort of the best Chinese troops to assist in the evacuation of foreigners.

Foreigners Missing.

The approximate number of British residents known to have been in the city and who are still unaccounted for is ten. Six British marines are missing. One A.B. is reported to have been killed.

It is reported that 100 Americans, known to have been in the city, are still unaccounted for.

The Japanese Consul is reported to have been killed.

The Cantonese forces were completely out of control from the time of their arrival.

FIRE AT CAUCASIAN OIL FIELDS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

Moscow, March 25th.

Several oil reservoirs, tanks and oil products at the Grozny Oil Fields, in Caucasus, have been destroyed by fire.

NORWEGIAN SENSATION.

CABINET MINISTERS ACQUITTED.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

Oslo, March 25th.

M. Berge and the six other members of the Cabinet have been acquitted of the charges brought against them.

SHANGHAI FIRM'S ACTION IN LONDON.

DECISION IN THEIR FAVOUR.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, March 24th.

Justice Horridge, in giving judgment in favour of Heyn and others, trading as Reuter, Brockelmann & Co., £82, stated that the defendants took precaution to guard against the "extreme pertinacity and ingenuity of the native thieves for which Shanghai was unhappily notorious." He was satisfied that the stevedores on the ship had been in league with the thieves. Defendants had failed to prove that the damage was not the result of their agents.

JAPAN'S BUDGET.

PASSED BY BOTH HOUSES.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

Tokyo, March 25th.

The Budget has been passed by both Houses.

FRANCE'S MATCH MONOPOLY.

STATEMENT BY THE PREMIER.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

PARIS, March 24th.

M. Poincare in a statement to the Cabinet regarding the Match Monopoly Bill said that the Company and Board must be exclusively French. Foreign holders of shares would not be entitled to any control of the management. The Company would deposit with the state, roughly, one hundred million dollars and also guarantee an annual payment corresponding with the yield of the Monopoly, hitherto, plus a large share of the profits, the state to fix prices.

Further Details.

LATER.

A notable feature of the Bill will be to enable the Government to liquidate last year's Budget. With regard to the monopoly in petroleum imports the Government asks that the date in which the State will establish the monopoly be postponed from April 1st to April 1st 1929, in consequence of the report of the National Department on Liquid Fuels which points out that monopoly will cost a milliard francs and establish complications with foreign countries. Further, that the present state technical equipment will make the measure premature. The Chamber Finance Committee is considering the Government's request.

DUTCH FOREIGN MINISTER RESIGNS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

THE HAGUE, March 24th.

The Foreign Minister, Van Karnebeek, has tendered his resignation.

NEW YORK CHESS TOURNAMENT.

CAPABLANCA WINS.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

New York, March 24th.

The Chess Tournament here has concluded by Capablanca, whose World Championship title was unaffected, winning with 14 points. Alekhine had 11½, Niemzowitch 10½, Vidmar 10, Spielman 8 and Marshall 6.

WEEK-END SPORT PROGRAMME.

FOOTBALL, CRICKET, SPORTS, RACING AND YACHTING.

As usual there is a full card of sport for to-day and to-morrow.

The central attraction will be the Race Course at Happy Valley, where, if the weather proves kind, there should be a large gathering for the first Extra Race Meeting of the Hong Kong Jockey Club.

Particulars of an interesting football programme are given in another column.

The cricket fixtures include two particularly interesting matches. These are the League Champions of Division I. (Kowloon Cricket Club) v. the "Rest" at Kowloon; and the League Champions of Division II. (Indian Recreation Club) v. the "Rest" on the Hong Kong Cricket Club's ground.

There will be plenty of golfers at Fanling over the week-end, and the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club have a full programme. To-day there is the re-sail of the "Ladies" Cup, and to-morrow the Ladies oppose the Club in sailing races, and the Cruiser Championship tie will be sailed off.

Another popular venue, if the weather is fine, will be the Hong Kong University Pokfulam ground, where the 12th annual sports meeting of the University Athletic Association will be held.

The Cricket match arranged between the Kowloon British School School Former Pupils Association and the Club de Recreation for to-morrow has been cancelled and there are now no Sunday cricket matches down for decision.

LAWN TENNIS.

BAD WEATHER AGAIN.

Tennis fans were again disappointed yesterday when on account of the rain in the afternoon all the matches arranged to be played on the Hong Kong Cricket Club courts were postponed. A good struggle was expected in the Open Singles between H. D. Rumjahn and H. Akijama. Rev. Alexander and Major Stevenson were also down to play in the Open Doubles against Capt. Morris and Lt. Sturgess.

The tournament will be continued on Monday.

TENNIS STORM ON RIVIERA.

MORE AMATEURS ACCUSED OF PROFESSIONALISM.

RACKET MAKERS' MONEY.

NEW COMPLAINTS OF "PROFESSIONALISM" among Riviera tennis players have caused a storm here.

According to the Controlling Committee, "amateurs" are being paid large sums to use only this or that make of tennis ball, or a certain kind of racket, and by these means are earning more money than actual professionals.

Last September the Controlling Committee sought to induce the various clubs to agree to use a standard make of balls for all the tournament games.

There was an immediate protest from nearly all the clubs, and the idea had to be dropped.

Firms' Counter-Challenge.

The reason was that as soon as the proposal was made the representatives of certain English tennis ball makers visited a number of clubs and issued a counter-challenge.

"So-and-so," they said (mentioning a well-known player), "will not play on your courts unless he can use such-and-such a make of ball. He always plays with it, and does not like to use any other."

This campaign was continued throughout all the clubs of the Riviera.

As most of the clubs depend for their support on the continued appearance of some famous amateurs on their courts, the controlling committee had to give way, for the time being.

But they have no intention of abandoning their efforts. A prominent amateur told me that he received a considerable sum of money from an English firm to insist on playing with their tennis balls and to push the sale of them among players.

Another firm, he said, paid him to spread the praises of their rackets. In addition he received big sums for expenses, and made in all a very good income.

The controlling committee here are determined to put an end to this amateur-professionalism, and are intending to test the feeling of other controlling bodies.

RACING NOTES.

[By RAPIER.]

There will be some good racing at Happy Valley to-day and it will no doubt attract a big crowd provided the weather is decent.

As owners very often do not know which race their ponies are going in till the last moment my selections go to four places to provide for contingencies.

Happy Valley Handicap "A" Class:

Six Furlongs.

1. Grande del Norte.

2. King of Troy.

3. The Geeser.

4. Home Call.

March Stakes: Five Furlongs.

1. Pottenbush.

2. Scooter.

3. King Boy.

4. King Alan.

Happy Valley Handicap "B" Class:

Six Furlongs.

1. Kom Tong Hall.

2. Tangie.

3. Grey Streak.

4. September.

First Aggregate Stakes: One Mile.

1. Misty Eve.

2. Saligia.

3. Attaboy.

4. Brigade Call.

Polo Pony Stakes: Three Furlongs.

The runners in this race are unknown. Ponies to be watched are Urgent, Black Mouse, Perhaps, More Better.

Aberdeen Plate: One Mile.

1. Bright Eve.

2. Espoir.

3. Salvo.

4. The Ghoul.

Stanley Stakes: One Mile.

1. Skidoo.

2. Bagheera.

3. Loch Tummel.

4. The Grig.

Wanchai Handicap "B" Class:

1 1/2 Miles.

1. The Goblin.

2. Dobbin.

3. Loch Rannoch.

4. Saracen.

If Loch Tummel goes out in this race instead of the previous one he should get a place.

Wanchai Handicap "A" Class:

1 1/2 Miles.

1. Battle Eve.

2. Sunburst Rose.

3. King of the Plains.

4. Ukelele.

GOLF.

AT FANLING.

TO-MORROW'S STARTING TIMES.

8.25 a.m.	Comdr. Aubrey and F. D. Wood.
9.35	H. G. Hegarty and R. W. Lee.
9.38	D. M. Goodall and W. J. Shenton.
9.40	A. E. Lissaman and A. O. Brown.
9.44	G. Murray and C. C. Stark.
9.48	J. D. H. Crawford and H. R. Forsyth.
9.52	D. Forbes and G. Davidson.
9.56	A. Leach and A. D. Humphreys.
10.00	J. Coulthart and W. M. Cox.
10.04	A. Piercy and R. K. Hepburn.
10.08	M. H. Turner and V. M. Grayburn.
10.12	G. B. Layton and A. B. Cox.
10.16	A. W. Hodges and A. R. Cox.
10.20	J. F. Kennedy and F. Austin.
10.24	G. P. Lammert and E. P. Fletcher.
10.28	W. L. Dunbar and L. R. Andrews.
10.32	P. P. J. Wodehouse and J. S. McLaren.
10.36	A. W. Roberts and N. K. Littlejohn.
10.40	Capt. Morris and D. G. Bruce.
10.44	T. L. Christie and D. J. Gilmore.
10.48	F. Cowherd and S. Hewkin.
10.52	J. Fleming and E. M. Bryden.
10.56	J. Harrop and S. T. "Butlin."
11.00	E. Grimbale and H. G. Sheldon.
11.04	J. Thayer and H. Spicer.

TO-MORROW'S FINAL.

According to the Royal Hong Kong Golf Club's fixture card, there are no competitions down for decision this week-end, but it has been arranged to play the final of the Men's Foursomes at Fanling to-morrow.

The finalists are: T. L. Christie (4) and D. J. Gilmore (14) v. Capt. E. W. Morris (9) and D. G. Bruce (10).

Next week-end there is the Captain's Cup Competition, and on the Sunday (April 3rd) the match arranged between the Army and the Royal Hong Kong Golf Club will take place.

By Saturday, April 2nd, the second round of the Junior Championship of the Royal Hong Kong Golf Club has to be completed.

LOCAL FOOTBALL.

FIVE MATCHES FOR TO-DAY.

THE PROGRAMME AND NOTES.

There are five League matches down for decision to-day. Two are in Division I, and the remainder are in Division II. "A."

The matches arranged are—

Hong Kong League: Division I.

Kick-off at 4.30 p.m.

Hong Kong F.C. v. China Athletic, H.K.F.C. ground.

Referee: Capt. Austin, M.C., M.M.

R.A. v. Club de Recreation, Sookun-poo "A" ground. Referee: Mr. Lonsdale.

Division II. "A."

Kick-off at 3 p.m.

Club de Recreation Reserve v. R.A. Reserves, King's Park ground.

Referee: Mr. Gilmour.

Hong Kong Club Reserves v. Kowloon Reserves, H.K.F.C. ground. Referee: Mr. Cowan.

China Athletic "A" v. South China Reserves, Sookunpoo "A" ground. Referee: Mr. Lamb.

The senior game on the Club ground between the Club and the Athletic should be interesting. A win for either would place them in a favourable position for runners-up. This position is now held by the Police who have completed their League programme. The Club have three games to play and the Athletic have two. Kowloon have yet to play the Club and it is expected that this game will decide second position. The Club should win under the heavy going.

The Recreation are visitors to the Garrison ground to meet the R.A. Last week they won by two clear goals and should repeat their success at the expense of the R.A. though the gunners play well on a greasy pitch and may secure the points from the champions.

China "A" and South China provide the opening fare on the Garrison ground. The Athletic won the first game on the Club ground and should take the points to-day in the return match.

The Recreation Reserves are at home to the Gunners at King's Park and a good tussle should be seen with a division of points.

Kowloon and H.K.F.C. second teams fight it out on the Club ground and a good tussle should be seen although the visitors are favoured. The game is for four points.

CRICKET.

TO-DAY'S MATCHES.

Kowloon C.C. v. Rest of First Division, Kowloon Cricket Club ground.

Indian R.C. v. Rest of Second Division, Hong Kong Cricket Club ground.

Friendly.

Civil Service C.C. v. H.M.S. Hermes.

THE BOAT RACE.

OXFORD'S STROKE.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, March 24th.

Hankin is now stroking the Oxonians, Johnson, the deputy stroke, having returned to his original position as Number two.

Cambridge's Full Trial.

LONDON, March 24th.

The Cambridge crew did a full course trial from Putney to Mortlake in 21 min. 7 sec.

The conditions were not ideal, a strong headwind and rough water, being experienced for the majority of the course.

EASTBOURNE'S SEVEN SISTERS' CLIFFS.

Once again the Seven Sisters Cliffs and the Downs behind at Eastbourne have been saved at the eleventh hour.

With only £13,000 subscribed of the required £18,000, Mr. W. C. Campbell, of Eastbourne, has come forward with a loan of £5,000 to enable the land to be bought in the stipulated period. Previously Mr. Campbell had given two sums of £1,000.

The land has now been conveyed from the syndicate, which were seeking to develop it for building, to Mr. Campbell, who will hold the deeds until the outstanding £5,000 is subscribed, when the land will be handed over to the National Trust.

HOME FOOTBALL.

ENGLISH AND SCOTTISH CUP SEMI-FINALS.

THE LEAGUE PROGRAMME FOR TO-DAY.

This week-end will be an unusually interesting one as regards Home Football, for in addition to full League programmes, there are the semi-finals in the English and Scottish Cups.

Cardiff meet Reading at Wolverhampton, and the other semi-final is Southampton v. the Arsenal.

Cardiff are expected to win their match, but Reading, who have been playing excellent football this season, should put up a good fight.

The result of the match between the Arsenal and Southampton will quite likely be a draw. The Saints have proved themselves good cup fighters, and against Millwall in the previous round they scored twice without response. The odds, however, are slightly in favour of the Arsenal winning.

In the Scottish Cup East Fife meet Partick T. at Tyne Castle, Edinburgh, and Dalkirk meet the Celtic at Ibrox Park, Glasgow.

The League programme follows: English League: Division I.

Bury v. Burnley.

Everton v. Sheffield U.

Huddersfield T. v. Liverpool.

Leicester C. v. Derby.

Sunderland v. Manchester U.

Tottenham H. v. Aston Villa.

West Brom. A. v. Newcastle U.

West Ham U. v. Bolton W.

Division II.

Barnsley v. Wolves.

Blackpool v. Chelsea.

Darlington v. Clapton O.

Grimsby T. v. Bradford C.

Manchester C. v. Notts C.

Nottingham F. v. Hull C.

Oldham A. v. Port Vale.

Preston N.E. v. Middlesbrough.

Swansea T. v. South Shields.

Division III. (Southern).

Aberdeen A. v. Exeter C.

Bournemouth v. Millwall.

Bristol C. v. Brentford.

Charlton A. v. Northampton.

Coventry C. v. Norwich C.

Crystal Pal. v. Luton T.

Gillingham v. Merthyr T.

Newport C. v. Swindon T.

Plymouth A. v. Bristol R.

Queen's Park R. v. Brighton & H.A.

Division III. (Northern).

Aston v. Lincoln C.

Bradford v. Huddersfield U.

Chesterfield v. Halifax T.

Doncaster R. v. Rochdale.

Nelson v. Barrow.

New Brighton v. Accrington S.

Rotherham U. v. Stockport C.

Stoke C. v. Southport.

Walsall v. Crewe A.

Wigan Boro v. Tranmere R.

Wrexham v. Durham C.

Scottish League. (Division I).

Aberdeen v. Dundee United.

Clyde v. Cowdenbeath.

Dundee v. Kilmarnock.

Dunfermline A. v. St. Mirren.

Hamilton A. v. Queen's Park.

Rangers v. Hibernians.

St. Johnstone v. Motherwell.

ZOO'S MOCK SUN.

UNIQUE MONKEY EXHIBIT AT OLYMPIA.

A courageous departure from tradition is to be made by the London Zoological Society. In the interests of public welfare the society is to arrange an exhibit at the forthcoming Zoology Exhibition at Olympia, Kensington, W., which will demonstrate the effects of ultra-violet rays and artificial sunshine on animal life.

The exhibit is to take the shape of a full-scale working section of the projected Zoo Monkey House.

Delicate South American monkeys will be installed in the Olympia cages under the care of a keeper. No artificially heated air will be used, but the animals will sit on electrically warmed floors and will be able to pass through swing doors (which they learn to control themselves) from the inside to the outside cages.

The roof is glazed with special glass which permits the ultra-violet rays to pass. When mist or fog smother the real sun, powerful electric lamps which emit the vitalising rays are switched on and give the effect of a cloudless summer day.

The exhibit's great value will lie in the fact that it is an object-lesson of the light-stimulus which all children ought to enjoy but which we miss in town life. The rays cure rickets in young creatures and have induced a thick coat of fur to grow on a bald orang-utan. One may smile at the analogy between monkeys and mankind, but it illustrates a great hygienic fact which is only now beginning to be recognised.

SCHOOL CRICKET IN HONG KONG.

[By R. ABBETT.]

Thirty years ago there was very little cricket in the Colony save for the weekly matches arranged by the Hong Kong Cricket Club. But during the first years of the present century a band of enthusiasts set to work and their efforts were rewarded with the foundation of several new Clubs to which the formation of the Cricket League and the great development of the game in the Colony may directly be attributed. The time is now ripe, many people consider, to foster a new development,—that of school cricket.

Even ten years ago such a thing was, I believe, unheard of, but recently the development of various schools and the modern trend towards athletics as an important branch of the Education, have led to the beginning of Inter-school matches. Excellent, however, as this is, yet more remains to be done. Early coaching is most necessary, and sympathetic support from the senior clubs who will hope to draw recruits from the schools.

In April, 1928, the Director of Education, himself an exceedingly keen and successful cricketer, held a meeting of leading schools' representatives to discuss the question, and after a good deal of thought and arrangement a programme for the season 1928-7 was arranged. There were, however, great difficulties as grounds were practically non-existent. The Civil Service C.C., K.C.C. University, I.R.C., C.R.C. and Police were good enough to lend their grounds on occasion, but even so there were many difficulties, as, if weather prevented a fixture being played, the lack of a private ground made the postponed match difficult to arrange. Many games have, however, been played, mostly inter-school, but some against scratch elevens of senior cricketers; and it has been possible to discover that there is promising talent to hand. How important the introduction of new blood is I need not emphasize. However, keen the player the time comes when the sight is dimmer the foot slower, and it becomes less and less easy to get down to them smartly.

I have been kindly supplied with the following notes on the various schools which I tabulate for clearness sake.

Dioecesan Boys' School. This is undoubtedly the strongest school side, and has quite a strong eleven. Anderson is a good bat and a fine field. Lee bowls quite a good fast medium ball right-handed, while MacKay a slow left-hander turns the ball a lot. I rather think the latter played for Craigengower in the first League early in the season but I may be misled by a similarity of names. There are other useful players on side.

Central British School. Also a promising side. Kelly is a useful bowler and can hit the ball very hard. Carr's deliveries also show signs of a marked swerve.

Queen's College. This team lost their captain, A. S. Sufind, who left at the New Year. I see he heads the Second League batting average with 210 runs for 6 innings 4 times not out—average 42.00. A useful addition to the I.R.C. The two Hunts, A. and J., are very fair while a younger Rumjahn promises to do justice to his distinguished name. It is to be hoped that more of the Chinese scholars will take up the game. I hear that there is a nephew of Wei Wing Lok's who shows promise.

The Indian School. Full of keenness, and from this school recruits for the Queen's College team come. The school itself is near the I.R.C. ground and I learn that this Club is doing good work in encouraging the youngsters and lending their ground frequently.

I fear that pressure of space forces me to hold over some notes which have been sent me on some recent matches. I will publish them D.V., W., and editor permitting on Tuesday next.

YACHTING NOTES.

THE WEEK-END PROGRAMME.

REVIEW OF MATTERS.

[By "CHAU KUNG."]

Tides for the week-end are:—

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THE "QUEEN OF CRUISING
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S.S. "RESOLUTE" BRINGS
400 GLOBE TROTTERS.

On her fourth cruise around the world, the Hamburg-America Line s.s. *Resolute* will arrive here to-morrow morning, with about 400 tourists and is to stay until Tuesday evening, when she will sail for Shanghai at 6 p.m.

The tourists will carry out the usual programme of sight-seeing, and will also make a trip to Macao. Canton is, of course, omitted from the itinerary owing to present conditions, but it is expected that a small party of more adventurous souls will pay a visit there on their own account.

There are some well-known people on board, but particulars will not be available until the steamer arrives.

Mr. G. P. Bourne, of the Tourist Department of the Hong Kong and Shanghai Hotels, is the local agent, and he is at present in the North making arrangements to take the tourists as far as Chinwangtao, and will probably, if conditions permit, fix up a visit to the Great Wall.

The cruise director is Mr. Emil Winkler, and the Publicity agent is Mr. Percy Stone.

The itinerary of "the Cruise Extraordinary of 1926-27," includes all the Oriental ports and cities usually taken during these world cruises, and adds Siam, Borneo and Formosa.

The cruise includes Gibraltar, the French Riviera, Naples, Cairo, Bombay, India, Ceylon, Singapore, Java, China, Japan, Hawaii, Madeira, Algiers, Greece, The Holy Land, the interior of India (with Agra and the Taj Mahal, Fatehpur-Sikri, Delhi, Benares, and Calcutta); Rangoon, Burma, Sumatra, Borneo, and Siam, the "land of the White Elephant"; Zamboanga, capital of Sulu; Formosa, the "Beautiful Isle"; spectacular Peking and Tientsin; Korea, the "Hermit Kingdom," whose capital, Seoul, will show the earth's most amusing costumes and customs; and Miyajima and Nikko, two of Japan's most enchanting beauty spots.

Other Details.

By the time the tour has been completed, the *Resolute* will have visited 23 countries and 37 ports. Tours of 59 cities will have been carried out, and 37,500 miles on land and sea will have been traversed.

The liner left New York on January 8th, on this, her fourth cruise round-the-world. She is described as "The Queen of Ships."

The *Resolute* is a triple-screw oil-burner of 20,000 tons gross register. Further details regarding the fittings of the ship, etc., have previously appeared in the *Daily Press*.

The *Resolute* has already carried out the first part of the tour, and from Hong Kong she proceeds to Formosa, North China, Korea, Japan, Hawaii, California, Panama, Cuba, and from thence to New York, arriving at her starting point on May 25th.

THE QUEEN'S CLOTH-OF-GOLD DRESS.

GRACIOUS AND REGAL
PRESENCE.

The Queen's cloth-of-gold dress at the opening of Parliament was but another proof of Her Majesty's gift for wearing becomingly magnificent apparel. Most women, perhaps, consider themselves possessors of gift, yet, as a matter of fact, it is the possession of the few only, comparatively speaking. There is not a woman in the British Empire who possesses it more markedly than the Queen.

Great care must be taken with ceremonial and splendid dress, for example, that every accessory is appropriate. Those who saw Her Majesty as she sat beside the King in the House of Lords could not fail to be struck with the way in which her jewels, her crown, and the famous ribbon of the Garter harmonised with her gown. One false note and the "ensemble" would have been completely spoilt.

With her now nearly white hair the Queen is even more regal-looking than ever, and carries the dignity pertaining to her Royal state with great distinction.

GERMAN WAR BLUNDERS.

CANDID AUSTRIAN CRITIC.
REMARKABLE REVELATIONS.

ASTOUNDING revelations of the almost intolerable friction existing between the German and Austrian supreme commands, even in the early phases of the war, are contained in the private letters of Field-Marshal Conrad von Hotzen-dorff, published recently in the *Frankfurter Zeitung*. Fresh from a council of war with Falkenhayn and Ludendorff in Berlin, the Chief of the Austrian Staff wrote, on February 1st, 1915, to his old and intimate friend, Baron Arthur Bol-fers, the Emperor Franz Josef's aide-de-camp, a general letter containing the following passage:

I can't say that I am delighted with my co-operation with the Germans; one must have colossal self-abnegation to work with them; and one must always keep before one's eyes that one must make sacrifices for the great cause. They are always bragging that they are brutal in their egotism, and they deliberately work with ruthless self-advertising, hushing up all their failures and boundlessly exaggerating the very slightest success.

Later in the same letter the Field-Marshal says:

German Incompetence Alleged.

At Mezières they had the unspeakable tactlessness to talk disparagingly to our young, and in personal intercourse, assuredly amiable, heir to the Throne about us and our troops, to reproach us with our national disintegration, and so on. I am sorry that it was not vouchsafed to me to make a direct reply. That by their great defeat in France these people ruined the whole foundation of our joint war; that by their eccentric operations in the East, which obviously only aimed at covering East Prussia, they brought to nothing our victories of Krivik, Tomaszow, and Komarow; that then by their positively crackbrained operation on the Vistula, in which they ran their nose into a wall, they involved our First Army in destruction and compelled us to abandon the San line—all that these gentlemen seem to have forgotten.

After some equally friendly remarks about the "perfidy" with which Germany proposed that Austria should placate Italy with territorial concessions and the "positively impertinent rôle" played by Von Buelow in this matter, the letter continues:

But also in small things the same unfair, egoistic spirit shows itself. They destroyed the Russian coal mines in order that they should not forfeit the sum which we pay them every year for Prussian coal—in the delirium of the Russian areas occupied they pushed aside all consideration for us. How they act in such things is best proved by the following communication, which General Linsingen made to me: He relates that in Flanders they found enormous stocks of sugar, but they destroyed them by drenching them with petroleum, and setting fire to them in order that the German sugar industry should not be injured.

From the letters it appears that as early as the middle of October, 1914, Conrad came to the conclusion that "the Germans could do nothing in the West," and that immediately afterwards he urged them "to restore to health the whole war position by concessions to France."—*Daily Telegraph*.

SUNRISE AND SUNSET IN HONG KONG.

FOR MARCH, 1927.

STANDARD TIME OF THE 120th
MERIDIAN, EAST OF
GREENWICH.

		Sunrise.	Sunset.
March	26th.....	6.23 a.m.	6.36 p.m.
"	27th.....	6.22 "	6.37 "
"	28th.....	6.21 "	6.37 "
"	29th.....	6.20 "	6.37 "
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CHURCH NOTICES.

ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL,
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Sunday, March 27th.—
Holy Communion at 8 a.m.
Sunday School at 10 a.m.
Matins at 11 a.m.—
Preacher:—Rev. W. R. Cannel.
Subject:—"What is the Good of Religion."
Liturgy for the Sick at 12 noon.
Evening at 8 p.m.—
Preacher:—Rev. G. T. Waldegrave.
Subject:—"A Great Door and a Little Light."
Thursday, March 31st.—
Holy Communion at 7.45 a.m.
Choral Evening and Address by the Rev. H. G. Hewitt, M.A., at 5.45 p.m. [97]

UNION CHURCH.

(Kennyway Road).
Sunday Services, March 27th.—
Morning Service at 10.30 a.m.—
Preacher:—Rev. F. P. W. Alexander, C.F.
P.S.A. in Lecture Hall at 4 p.m.
Evening:—Beethoven Centenary.
Instrumental Recital at 5.30 p.m.—
Selections from the Compositors.
Works:—Organ: Mr. G. B. Longyear.
Violin: Mrs. H. Bales.
Services at 8 p.m.—
Hymns: 325, 183, 123 and 470.
Anthem:—"The Heavens Proclaim Him," Beethoven.
Address by Rev. J. Kirk Macdonald, on the Life and Character of Beethoven.
Collection for British and Foreign Bible Society. [98]

FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST.

MACDONNELL ROAD, BELOW BOWEN
ROAD TRAM STATION.
Sunday Service, March 27th, at 11.15 a.m.—
Subject:—"REALITY."
Wednesday Evening Meeting at 5.30 p.m.
Reading Room at above address, open Monday and Friday, 10 a.m. to 12 Noon; Tuesday and Thursday, 5 to 7 p.m.
The Public is cordially invited to attend the services and visit the Reading Room. [97]

HONG KONG METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

Hong Kong Observatory, March 26th.	Previous On Date	On Date
Day	at	at
at 2 p.m.	6 a.m.	4 p.m.
Barometer... 29.93	29.92	29.94
Temperature... 69	62	63
Humidity... 85	84	87
Wind...
Direction... E	E	East
Force... 3	4	3
Weather... O	O	OR
Rain... ..	0.01	0.00
Highest open-air Temperature, 24.6; 62		
Lowest open-air Temperature, 25th: 62		

B=Blue sky; C=Cloudy; D=Drizzle; F=Fog; L=Lightning; M=Mist; O=Overcast; P=Passing showers; Q=Squalls; R=Rain; T=Thunder.

HONG KONG TIDE TABLE.

From March 26th to April 1st, 1927.

Days of Week	Date of Month	Hong Kong Standard Time	Height	Hong Kong Standard Time	Height
Sat.	26	h. m.	f. in.	h. m.	f. in.
		4 9	3 8	6 37	3 7
Sun.	27	5 14	6 1	10 58	2 2
Mon.	28	6 15	4 1	0 8	1 7
		4 46	6 5	9 2	4 0
Tues.	29	6 37	4 3	1 0	1 3
		6 1	6 8	11 27	3 8
Wed.	30	6 8	4 6	1 44	4 0
		7 5	7 1	0 43	3 3
Thur.	31	8 31	5 0	2 21	0 8
		8 7	3	1 43	8 7
Fri.	1	9 0	5 4	2 56	0 9
		8 56	7 2	2 37	2 1

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J. LIMAGE,
Agent.
Hong Kong, 24th March, 1927. [4729]

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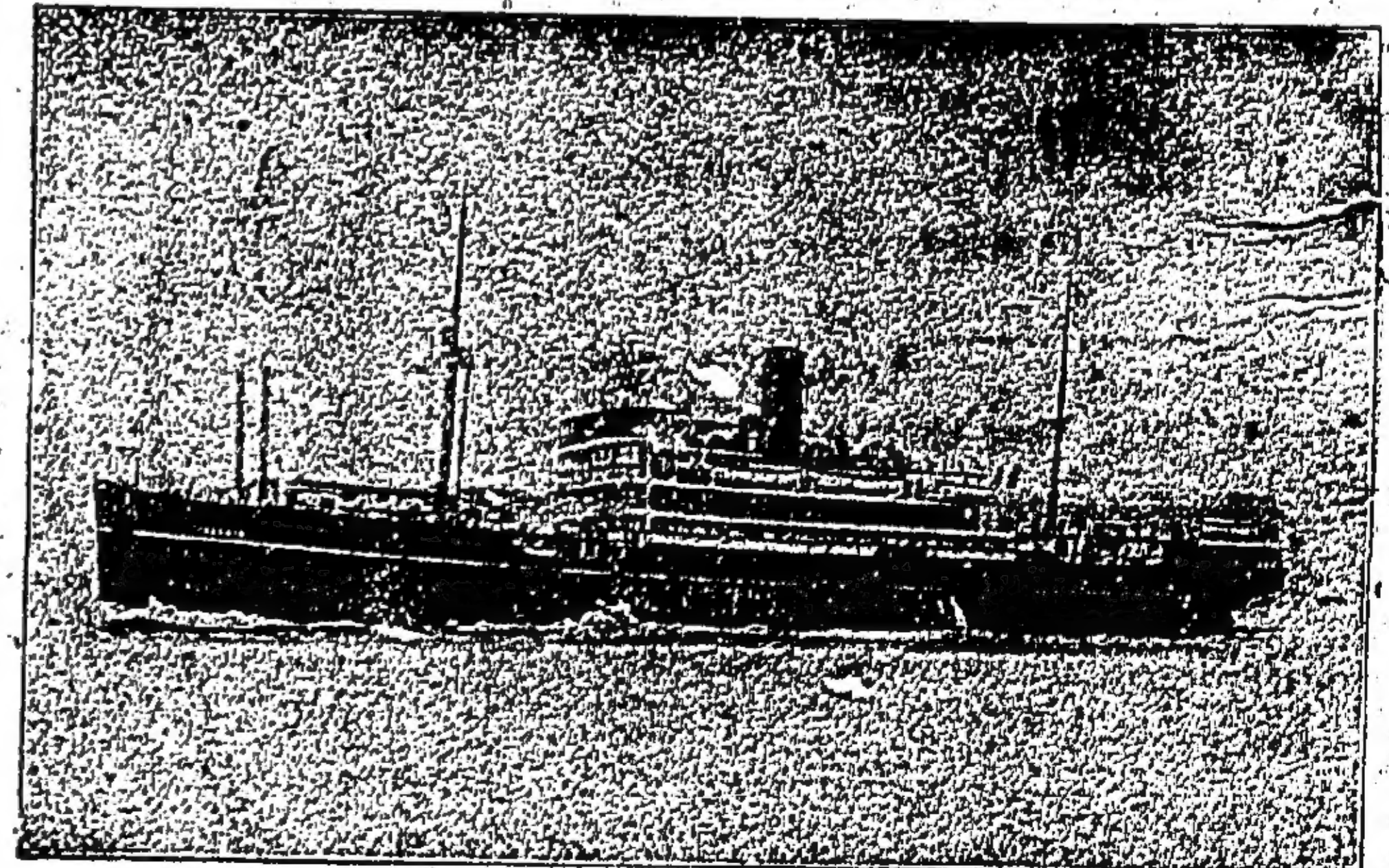
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YESTERDAY'S FREIGHT RETURNS.

LOCAL IMPORTS NORMAL: THROUGH CARGOES DOWN.

BRITISH VESSELS BEST CARRIERS.

Out of the nineteen vessels arriving here yesterday during the 24 hours ended at 9 a.m., nine were British and six of these contributed the greater portion of the cargoes imported here and carried for ports beyond.

Local imports were discharged from 14 steamers. The total amount was normal. There were altogether 16,583 tons landed here. Of these 9,506 tons were rice unloaded from four vessels. The balance 7,337 tons of general merchandise was brought by ten steamers, of which six British steamers were responsible for 6,412 tons.

The two best returns were 2,243 tons and 2,010 tons. The former were carried by the s.s. *Janus* from Calcutta and Singapore, and the latter by the s.s. *Linan* from Saigon.

Through freights were manifested on four British steamers only. The total amount was 8,808 tons. The two best carriers were the s.s. *Kutang* and *Janus*. Both vessels arrived from Calcutta and Singapore. The former had 4,454 tons and the latter was responsible for 3,406 tons.

During the period under review there were 19 arrivals and 12 departures. The nationalities were:—British, 9 arrivals and 6 departures; American, 1 arrival and 2 departures; French, 1 arrival and 1 departure; Norwegian, 2 arrivals; Japanese, 2 arrivals and 1 departure; Chinese, 2 arrivals and 2 departures.

The following were the cargo carriers:—
S.S. *Adna* (British) from San Pedro and Yokohama, 2,300 tons oil fuel for Hong Kong.
S.S. *Kueichow* (British) from Canton, general cargo (amount not specified) for other ports.

S.S. *Fingkok* (British) from Dairen and Amoy, 300 tons general for Hong Kong and 150 tons for other ports.

S.S. *Janus* (British) from Calcutta and Singapore, 2,243 tons general for Hong Kong, 3,406 tons for other ports.

S.S. *Linan* (British) from Saigon, 2,010 tons general for Hong Kong.

S.S. *Kutang* (British) from Calcutta and Singapore, 1,174 tons general for Hong Kong, and 4,454 tons for other ports.

S.S. *Atsuta* (British) from Shanghai, 145 tons general for other ports.

S.S. *Kwang Sang* (British) from Tsingtau and Swatow, 541 tons general for Hong Kong, and 635 tons for other ports.

S.S. *Beaumont* (American) 25,000 cases gasoline, 2,268 cases asphalt and 50 tons general for Hong Kong and 1,600 cases gasoline for other ports.

S.S. *Albert Sarraut* (French) from Saigon, 2,000 tons rice for Hong Kong.

S.S. *Yamto* (Norwegian) from Bangkok and Kohachang, 2,306 tons rice for Hong Kong.

S.S. *Lerke* (Norwegian) from Saigon, 1,400 tons rice for Hong Kong.

(Continued on next column).

SHIPPING MOVEMENTS.

The B.I. s.s. *Festa* will leave for Moji, Kobe and Osaka on Monday, the 27th inst., at 4 p.m.

The Straits Marine Department notify shipping that a shoal has been reported in the South Channel, Penang Harbour. This appears to be a small shoal which has been missed by the dredger, and it was apparently the patch on which the B.I. steamer *Fima* grounded on March 7th. Action is being taken.

The master of the *Van Heutz* reported on March 10 having passed a Chinese junk abandoned in a position with One Fathom Bank Light-house bearing N 39 degrees E, distance two miles.

The s.s. *Kochow* was undocked yesterday morning and berthed at her usual wharf. She has resumed her place in the West River schedule.

A notice to mariners states that Naval gunnery practice will be carried out near the North face of Sharp Peak on Wednesday next (March 30th).

The report of the s.s. *Teehai*, arriving from Calcutta and Singapore states that there was one casualty during the voyage. The nature is not stated.

The total number of deck passengers entering into the Colony during the 24 hours ended at 9 a.m. yesterday was 290. Included among these numbers, six were infants.

Pleading guilty to a charge of anchoring his craft on the wrong side of the fairway, a junk master was fined \$5 with the alternative of five days' hard labour by Lieut. Comdr. G. F. Hole, R.N., at the Marine Court yesterday.

Two big shipments of oil and gasoline arrived yesterday. The British steamer *Adna* from San Pedro and Yokohama, brought 2,300 tons of fuel oil, and the s.s. *Beaumont* (American) from San Francisco, brought 25,000 cases of gasoline for this port; also 2,268 cases of asphalt. This vessel also carried 1,600 cases of gasoline for ports beyond Hong Kong.

Arrivals yesterday, too late for inclusion in the morning return were:—
West Moor (British) from Coromandel and Balboa, with 7,450 tons of sugar for Hong Kong.
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"DEVANHA"	8,155	15th April	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & Hull.
"ALPHEKE"	8,273	20th April	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & B'way.
"DELTA"	8,097	27th April	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & B'way.
"MALWA"	10,880	30th April	Marseilles and London.
"NELORE"	6,883	11th May	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & B'way.
"KHIVA"	9,138	14th May	Marseilles, London and Antwerp.
"NYANZA"	7,023	25th May	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & B'way.
"MORRA"	10,198	28th May	Marseilles, London and Antwerp.
"KASHMIR"	9,005	11th June	Marseilles and London.
"MANTUA"	10,902	22nd June	Marseilles, London and Antwerp.
"KALYAN"	9,144	9th July	Marseilles, London and Antwerp.
"MACEDONIA"	11,120	23rd July	Marseilles, London and Antwerp.
"KASHGAR"	9,005	26th Aug.	Marseilles, London and Antwerp.
"RAWALPINDI"	16,619	29th Aug.	Marseilles, London and Antwerp.
"KARMALA"	9,123	3rd Sept.	Marseilles, London, & Antwerp.

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Steamship	Tons	From Hongkong (about)	Destination
"TAKADA"	6,948	1st April	Singapore, Penang and Calcutta
"JANUS"	4,824	17th April	do.
"TILAWA"	10,000	25th April	do.
"TALMA"	10,000	28th April	do.

EASTERN AND AUSTRALIAN SAILINGS (SOUTH)

Steamship	Tons	From Hongkong (about)	Destination
"ST. ALBANS"	4,500	1st April	Manila, Sandakan, Iloilo, Thursday Island, Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney and Melbourne.
"ARAFURA"	6,000	29th April	do.
"TANDA"	6,956	3rd June	do.
"ST. ALBANS"	4,500	1st July	do.
"ARAFURA"	6,000	29th July	do.

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The New Zealand Shipping Co.'s Steamers for Southampton and London via Panama Canal.

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Steamship	Tons	From Hongkong (about)	Destination
"LAHORE"	5,254	27th March	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"TEESTA"	6,296	28th March, 4 p.m.	Moji, Kobe and Osaka.
"GOGRA"	5,181	27th March, Noon	Shanghai.
"MALWA"	10,980	1st April	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"DELTA"	8,097	1st April	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"TILAWA"	10,000	2nd April	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
"ARAFURA"	6,000	5th April	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe, Osaka and Yokohama.
"TALMA"	10,000	8th April	Moji, Kobe and Osaka.
"TEFFORE"	7,423	12th April	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"NELORE"	6,883	15th April	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"KHIVA"	9,138	15th April	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"NYANZA"	7,023	22nd April	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"MORRA"	10,198	25th April	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"TANDA"	6,956	3rd May	Moji, Kobe, Osaka and Yokohama.

All dates are approximate and subject to alteration without notice.

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